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# WEST COAST PORTS SHUT DOWN!

On January 17 the longshoremen strike started again after being broken for 80 days by the anti-labor Taft-Hartley Act. The Pacific Maritime Association (the shipowners) and the capitalist press have been trying to convince the public that the main problem is a hassle between workers--the Longshoremen and the Teamsters--over container work. This is a lie designed to turn the people against each other instead of against the bosses. What are the real issues?

## Containerization

The bosses are automating the docks as fast as they can. They say this is progress; more efficient operation. This may be true, but what does it mean? To the bosses it means even bigger profits (since they need to pay fewer men) but to the workers it means less work, fewer jobs. Ten years ago there were 30,000 longshoremen on the West Coast. Today there are 13,000. What has happened to those 17,000 men and their families? Longshoremen have no job security, and this is one of the things they are fighting for. There is no real conflict between Teamsters and Longshoremen. Actual investigation of West Coast ports shows that Teamsters bring the containers and Longshoremen load them without any major problems.

## Guaranteed Wage

The International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (ILWU) is demanding a guaranteed 32 hour a week for A men, 18 hours for B men. That is,

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\*Containers are large (say 8'x12'x24') metal boxes which come to the docks already stuffed with cargo. They are loaded by crane and it takes far fewer men to load a ship.

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if there isn't 32 hours of work in a week, a man will get paid for 32 hours anyway. This way, if the PMA insists on containerizing people out of work, those same people will still be assured their survival.

The shipowners (PMA) have refused to give these men any job security. They take out newspaper ads denouncing the "greedy longshoremen", yet their ridiculous offer for a guaranteed annual wage shows who the greedy people really are. What they have offered is to pay guaranteed annual wage until it costs them \$431 a year, or \$8.29 a week for each man. Who can live on that?

## Steady Man

Most longshoremen work out of hiring hall where they go everyday to be assigned a pier or ship. Those men who don't work out of the hall but are employed directly by the bosses are called steady men. Steady men are usually crane and winch operators who work at the same place everyday. They become increasingly important as containerization increases. This erodes the power that the union has through its hiring hall and one of the primary demands of the rank and file is that all longshoremen go through the hiring hall. No more steady men.

## War & Profits

It is important to understand that the Pacific Maritime Association makes a lot of money from the U.S. Government's slaughter of the Indochinese peoples. 50% of PMA's profits come from shipping war material to S.E. Asia. Since military shipping as yet is unaffected by the strike, PMA is still making a lot of money and therefore it is easy for them to try to sit out the strike waiting for government intervention. It is true that the strike does hurt a lot of people because it slows down the economy but

whose fault is that? The longshoremen have to strike to survive, but why can't the PMA settle? Because all those millionaires just can't bear to let go of even a few dollars.

## Solidarity

The shipowners have been trying to run an end run around the strike by diverting cargo to Vancouver and Ensenada, Mexico. But longshoremen in Vancouver have refused to unload cargo diverted from U.S. ports and Teamsters (supposedly having a bitter fight with longshoremen) have refused to move cargo from the Mexican border. Poor and working people are the vast majority. When we stand together, we have more power than the bosses.

## Nixon Intervenes

On January 21, Nixon sent a bill to Congress which would, if passed, give him the power to appoint a three man committee (with labor excluded) to write a contract both sides must accept and prohibiting the longshoremen from striking. In a capitalist society, workers have little power as it is and their only real weapon is to strike. Now Nixon says that they can't even have that. Well, it won't work. The ILWU has said over and over again that they will go back to work only when the rank and file approves a contract, not when the rich politicians in Washington tell them to.

When the longshoremen struck in 1934, they were attacked by the police and then by the army. This may happen again but it didn't get them back to work in 1934 and it won't in '72. The longshoremen will win.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE  
Mountain View Venceremos

# SCHOOL BOARD FORCED TO BUILD

The Union City School Board voted in favor of starting construction of Phase I of the Cesar Chavez Junior High School in Union City after being forced to reverse its position against it. Board members Furman, Strickland and Stone voted for, Richard and Clark against, bringing a 3-2 vote.

Five contractors offered bids to build Phase I of the construction of Cesar Chavez Junior High. Phase I includes the basic buildings and playgrounds. The Wheatley-Jacobsen company was awarded the bid because they offered the lowest bid within the two million dollar budget. The only change, however, is that the tennis courts, handball courts and a covered playground would have to be excluded.

But there's one catch. The County Council Review must check out the con-

tractor and subcontractor to see if they are honest and able to back up their bid. The the company has to sign the contracts that the C.C. Review will draw up and the company has to be bonded. Once all this red tape is dealt with, the 3-2 vote will be finalized.

Why did the Union City School Board vote in favor of the Cesar Chavez Jr. High after resisting it for so long? The four reasons are:

- 1) The board was finally made to understand that the needs of the students were primary.
- 2) The community would not support a bond election that would grant money to the School district unless the Board guaranteed the construction of the school by awarding a bid to construct the first of two phases. (The second phase includes accessory buildings and play

areas.)

3) The union City Coalition and the La Raza Unida Party promised that they would work against the bond election if Phase I was not awarded construction.

4) The most important reason is that the board saw that the people were too well united and together on the situation and were too powerful to cope with. This would mean that their bond election would fail, they would lose their seats at the next election, and the riots, class boycotts and the turmoil would continue. Dig it, the power of the people, the greatest power of the world, forced the board to build Cesar Chavez Junior High School and serve one need of the community.

Serve the People!  
All Power to the People!  
East Bay Venceremos



## El Consejo De Escuelas Esta Forzado Construir

lo por tanto tiempo? Hay cuatro razones:

- 1) El consejo finalmente fue forzada a entender que los necesidades de los estudiantes son primarios.
- 2) La comunidad no estaria en favor de un "bond election" que concedria dinero al distrito de escuelas a menos que el consejo garantizó la construccion de la escuela por concediendo una oferta para el primer de los dos partes. (El segundo parte incluye edificios accesorios y areas de jugar.)
- 3) La Coalición de Union City y el Partido de La Raza Unida prometieron que trabajarian contra la eleccion si no con-

cedieron la construccion.

4) La razon primaria es que el consejo entendi que la gente estuvo demasiado unido sobre la situacion y estuvo demasiado poderosa. Esto significaria que su eleccion faltaria, perderian sus posiciones en la proxima eleccion, y los tumultos, boicotes de clases y alboroto continuaria. Simon que el poder del pueblo, el poder más grande del mundo, forzó el consejo a construir la escuela Cesar Chavez y servir un necesidad de la comunidad.

Servir el Pueblo  
Todo Poder al Pueblo  
Venceremos del East Bay

El Consejo de Escuelas de Union City votó a favor de empezando construccion del Aspecto 1 de la Escuela Cesar Chavez en Union City. Esto fue despues que la comunidad forzó un reversión de su previo decision contra la construccion. Miembros del consejo Furman, Strickland, y Stone votaron a favor, Richard y Clark contra, resultando en un voto 3 - 2.

Cinco contratistas hicieron ofertas a construir el primer parte de la escuela, Este aspecto incluye los edificios basicos y los patios de recreo. Concedió la oferta a la compania Wheatley-Jacobsen porque ellos hicieron la oferta más barata dentro del presupuesto de dos millones dolares. El unico cambio es que los cortes para tenis, los cortes para jugar pelota a mano, y un patio de recreo fueron excluido.

Pero hay una trampa. La Revista concilio del condado tiene que investigar las contratistas para ver si son honrado y habil a seguir con su oferta. La compania tiene que firmar los contratos que vienen de esta revista. Cuando todo esto esta satisfecho, el voto 3 - 2 será finalmente autorizado.

Porque votó el consejo a favor de la escuela Cesar Chavez despues de resistiendo-



CHABELA GOMEZ, ONE OF THE LEADERS IN THE UNION CITY STRUGGLE AGAINST THE SCHOOL BOARD.

# NLRB DECISION DIVIDES WORKERS

On Tuesday, Jan 25, after deliberating for a year and a half, the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) laid down guidelines for the "appropriate" collective bargaining units for Stanford workers. In a month, the appropriate units will elect the union they wish to have represent them. The largest unit, with 1600 workers will choose a representative from among the Teamsters, California School Employees Association (CSEA), and United Stanford Employees (USE).

On Wednesday, the headlines of the Stanford Daily boldly stated; "NLRB ALLOWS UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES TO ORGANIZE." The entire article gave the impression that the government, through the NLRB, had bestowed a big favor on Stanford employees. This is not the case.

The NLRB did not "allow" us to organize. We've been organizing for over three years. The NLRB does "allow" us to vote as to whether or not we want to come under their jurisdiction following their rules.

Their rules say that: 1700 out of 5900 workers at Stanford have enough of a community of interest to constitute three collective bargaining units: about 50 police; about 50 firemen; and 1600 maintenance, lab support, custodial and food service, and University Press workers.

Their rules say that clerical workers, about half (54%) of the entire work force and nearly all women, (74%) do not have the right to become a part of an organized labor group. Their rules exclude a large segment of Stanford's Third World workers from joining with other workers. Why? Because they work at the Hospital and "the hospital is not directly connected with the University." This would be news to the hospital workers who were brought up on charges for their alleged part in last years sit-in at the Hospital. The charges were filed by University officials, not Hospital officials.

Presently, one employees organization, United Stanford Employees (USE),

is composed of a large number of Hospital and clerical employees among others. The decision to exclude these workers from any bargaining unit makes USE weaker, not stronger. What the ruling has in fact done is to exclude from the elections the two most oppressed groups at Stanford--a large number of Third World workers and nearly all the women workers. The NLRB has in effect set up the machinery for dividing the workers at Stanford. Black and Chicano against white; women against men; well paid against poorly paid.

Friday's Daily had another story about the NLRB decision. In the article President Lyman is quoted as "regretting" the decision to exclude Hospital and clerical workers and to break the campus up into three parts. "But we shall, of course, abide by the decision," says Lyman. Of course he will. It's just what he wants; a divided work force. He knows as well as anyone else that a divided work force has no power. To say that he "regrets" the decision is a lie.

Lyman's full statement on the decision appeared in the January 26 issue of Campus Reports. In his statement he gave his opinion of the advantages and disadvantages of collective bargaining and how it might affect life at Stanford. He has accomplished two things in his statement.

First, he violated Section 8(a)(1) of the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) by implying that the University may in some way be threatened if a union is voted in. This is a misdemeanor offense and punishable by up to six months in jail.

Second, he showed his complete ignorance in the affairs of labor and history with his statement. Bruce Franklin was correct when he said that Lyman's book on the British Labor Party "floats completely free of history."

The NLRB decision to divide the campus should not have come as a surprise to Lyman or anyone else. The NLRB is a government agency whose five board members on the General Council

are appointed by Nixon.

The NLRA was enacted in 1935 to blunt the militant worker struggles that were sweeping the country. The way it works can easily be seen in the recent coast-to-coast dock strikes. After the Longshoremen went on strike, Nixon used the Taft-Hartley Law, a 1947 amendment to the NLRA, to order the striking workers back to their jobs. All the members of the Commission who were to make this recommendation to Nixon, were appointed by Nixon and had ties with large corporate interests. That decision was not made in the interests of the striking workers, but in the interests of ship owners and large corporations who needed the cargoes. The NLRB always has and always will protect the interests of big business.

The effect that the NLRB decision will have on campus should be obvious. With Stanford's intimate ties with big business and large war corporations, it is clear whose interests they will serve.

It is interesting to note that any labor organization who wishes to use the services of the NLRB has to file an affidavit that they are not Communists nor supporters of subversive movements. Is the Stanford Rehabilitation Movement subversive?

The NLRB is the path to compromise at the expense of the employee, not the employer. Workers acting together have the power to change their conditions and their lives. It is this power that the NLRB will attempt to co-opt. It forces the employer and the employee into "collective bargaining" before the workers have a chance to assert their power. It places the worker in a position of weakness.

This is precisely what Nixon is attempting in Indochina. He wants the NLF and the North Vietnamese to lay down their arms and talk peace on Nixon's terms. But since the liberation forces in Indochina have the power to win and are winning, compromising with Nixon is unrealistic. The same is true with the workers at Stanford. We have the power to win and we are winning.

We will not allow the NLRB to limit our power to organize strong collective bargaining units. We can respond to the NLRB election by not choosing either CSEA (California School Employees Association), a white, racist, super-patriotic, supervisor-oriented, company union; or the Teamsters, a powerful union of truckers, but known to take high dues from its miscellaneous locals and bribes from management to block local strikes. We can support USE (United Stanford Employees), a Stanford-based union which has a widely read newspaper and a long history of working with maintenance and food service workers on grievances regarding racism and economic needs. Although, at present, USE is small, and its leadership is white and semi-professional, it is the only union presently available at Stanford that can be responsive to the needs of the workers at Stanford.

In the meantime, before the election we can: organize committees in each area on campus; ask the excluded library, clerical, and hospital workers to help organize the 1st bargaining unit, and then we can assist them in organizing strong units among the library, hospital, and clerical workers immediately after the election; recognize the need for the leadership in our bargaining units to be the most oppressed workers, as they will fight the hardest to improve everyone's material conditions and they are the least likely to sell the workers out to the administration

Bob Griffin



On April 9, 1971, a peaceful sit-in at Stanford Hospital was broken up by the police. Part of the long struggle at Stanford University to organize its workers, the sit-in was specifically aimed at forcing the Hospital to rehire a militant black employee, Sam Bridges. This picture shows the cops as they tried to break down the door into the corridor where the sit-in took place. The cop on the left wound up in the hospital--felled by a scotch tape dispenser.

# Movement Builds At Stanford

Bruce Franklin's firing is the latest attempt by Stanford to crush the anti-imperialist movement there. But exactly the opposite is happening. The Administration is lifting a rock, only to drop it on their own feet", and has once again proven that repression breeds resistance.

On Thursday, Jan. 20, Stanford students voted 2615 to 2114 to keep Franklin as a professor. Almost half the student body voted, the largest turnout ever for a special election.

On Monday, Jan. 24, about 1000 people came to a noon rally on White Plaza, and heard Bruce challenge Stanford President Lyman to "come out from under his rock" and show his face on campus. At the end of the rally, about 500 people marched to the Old Union, an administration building on the campus, and liberated it for the afternoon. When the pigs cleared

the building at 5:30 PM, 400 people went to the Faculty Club and held a people's banquet.

Bruce must be fired, the Stanford Advisory board said, because he not only believes that the university plays a key role in international imperialism and domestic repression, but he acts on his beliefs and urges others to act also.

Bruce's ideas threaten the survival of the modern university, so he was fired. But then 1000 people came to White Plaza to listen to these ideas, the largest noon rally ever held at Stanford. Bruce encourages sit-ins, and so he was fired. But then 500 people marched to the Old Union to sit-in, the largest sit-in in Stanford's history. Bruce "urges and incites" people to make the university serve the people, but the university serves the pigs, so he was fired. Now everyone is "urging and

inciting".

Bruce was fired because the university cannot tolerate disruption anymore, but the 3 weeks since the decision to fire Bruce have been the most disruptive in Stanford's history. The Old Union and the Faculty Club have been invaded 3 times, the Placement Center twice, and the president's office, the University News Service, the Personnel Dept., the graduate school of business and Hansen Labs once each. The Administration has closed down Hansen Microwave Lab and several other Defense Dept.-funded labs and the Computation Center on 2 consecutive afternoons to prevent threatened occupations. The pigs have been called on campus 6 times. The faculty is afraid to hold a meeting, and President Lyman still hasn't shown his face on campus. The people's power is beginning to control Stanford.

Franklin's dismissal has brought the war home to many people on the campus. Faced with the choice of getting rid of University connections with the Defense Dept. or getting rid of those who protest those connections, the "liberal" faculty have shown which side they're on by firing Bruce. They've chosen the side of the Nixons, Rockefellers, and other pigs. His firing shows that when imperialism is threatened, the rich and powerful take off their "liberal" masks and become fascists.

On Tuesday, Jan. 18, the Stanford Third World Liberation Front (TWLF) linked up with Third World people from surrounding communities and visited the class of William Shockley, a Stanford professor who teaches that Third World people are genetically inferior, and advocates their sterilization. While a TWLF spokesman read a statement, Shockley started taking some pictures of the crowd. Shockley then responded to the TWLF statement by saying that Third World people should be thankful for his "benevolent genocide", because it would ease the misery of poverty. For that, he lost his photos and almost lost his teeth.

On Friday night, Jan. 21, Aaron Manganiello, Chairman of the Central Committee of Venceremos, told a crowd of 600 that the movement to make Stanford serve the people was a part of the worldwide battle against US imperialism, led by Third World people at home and abroad. Venceremos believes in Third World leadership not out of any dogma or feelings of guilt, but because the day-to-day repression of Third World people taught them how best to resist.

On Saturday, Jan. 22, the Board of Trustees met in the San Francisco Financial District to give their final approval to Bruce's firing. About 200 people from Stanford and the community got up early to confront the Board and picket their meeting. The Tac Squad was there in full force, and made 4 unprovoked arrests during the morning. The Board took less than 2 hours to do its dirty work, but when they tried to leave the building, the people shouted "Seig Heil" at them and showered them with pennies. Even with the Tac Squad there to protect them, they were scared stiff as they scurried to their cars.

In some ways, the 15 old white men on the Stanford Board of Trustees are very powerful. They control billions of dollars and they have many tac squads to protect that money. But in the long run, they are not very powerful at all. They are losing their power, while the people become more powerful with each day. All around them, people have risen up, are rising up, and will rise up to smash their power. The Board of Trustees has seen this happen in Stanford and in the surrounding community. They are learning a bitter lesson: you can dismiss a revolutionary, but you can't dismiss the revolution.



PEOPLE CROWDING INTO PLACEMENT CENTER TO STOP WAR RECRUITERS



KNOW THESE PIGS (STANFORD POLICE PHOTOGRAPHERS): FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, STANFORD CHIEF HARRINGTON, NIKI BRUNO (PORKY PIG), AND LOTHAR.



CROWD MARCHING TO LYMAN'S OFFICE IN CENTER QUAD

# NIXON'S PHONY 'PEACE'

## I. More Bombs Up Nixon's Sleeve

by Jim Shoch, Palo Alto Venceremos

President Nixon's much publicized eight-point "peace" proposal is, in reality, a cloak hiding his true plan -- still another U.S. escalation of the war in Indochina.

Nixon knows that the National Liberation Front (NLF) and the North Vietnamese will never accept a peace settlement that leaves South Vietnamese President Thieu in power during most of a cease-fire period preceding a general election. Thieu would use his remaining five months in office to search out and imprison -- or worse -- anyone opposed to his rule. In the tens of thousands of villages and hamlets outside Saigon, Thieu's civil officials and military commanders could then easily rig the election in his favor. As James Reston wrote in the New York Times, Nixon has proposed "an election process which is virtually certain to restore the Thieu government to power."

In announcing this seemingly reasonable but in fact unacceptable proposal Nixon is attempting to lay the political groundwork at home for another escalation of the war -- an escalation made necessary by the seriously deteriorating U.S. military position in Indochina.

In another of his New York Times columns, James Reston summarized the current military situation in Indochina: "The hard facts are: The U.S. is getting its troops out fast and now has reduced them to such an extent that they are not an effective fighting force on the ground. The enemy has recaptured the Plain of Jars in Laos and is gaining steadily on the capital of Cambodia. The enemy is now mounting what seems to be another major Tet offensive in the central highlands of South Vietnam, despite massive bombing." (emphasis added)

This is a critical time, then, for Nixon, and his political future may well rest on how well he brings off his late maneuver. On the one hand, Nixon knows he must escalate the war to stave off further military defeat. On the other hand, nearly all Americans are sick of the war and an outright escalation would seriously hurt him in next November's presiden-

tial election. Nixon needs to create a situation in which an aggressive escalation of the U.S. war effort is viewed by the American people as a fully justified defensive response to what appears to be an escalation on the part of the NLF and the North Vietnamese. It is exactly this situation that Nixon is trying to set up by announcing his "generous" proposal (his term for it) at this time, just before the upcoming Tet offensive (due in late February).

Tacked on to the end of Nixon's proposal was the following warning: "If the enemy's answer to our peace offer is to step up their attacks, I shall fully meet my responsibilities as Commander-in-Chief of our armed forces to protect our remaining troops."

The Washington Post concluded from this that "Mr. Nixon has now used the opportunity to lay a new foundation for justifying whatever response he decides upon if the enemy should 'step up their attacks.'" Reston commented that the President has probably "committed himself to more fighting and more bombing when the forthcoming Tet offensive begins." California Senator Alan Cranston was most to the point when he stated that Nixon is "preparing the American people for an escalation of the war."

But Nixon's next escalation will prove no more successful than past ones. The heroic peoples of Indochina will continue to drive the American aggressors into the sea.



This surprise package is included in Nixon's 'peace' plan for withdrawal of troops.

## Chemical Warfare in Indochina

More than a year ago, Nixon publicly announced an end to U.S. chemical warfare in Vietnam, but it's still going on.

On January 14, U.S. planes sprayed toxic chemicals on recently liberated areas of Xieng Khouan province in Laos.

Two of the American scientists who blew the whistle on the herbicides revealed that instead of banning them, Nixon has merely turned the chemicals over to the Thieu regime.

Between 1962 and 1970 the U.S. military sprayed chemical herbicides on 1/7 of Vietnam: an area the size of Massachusetts. Though chemical warfare is outlawed by international agreement, the last three presidents -- Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon -- still used it.

Students were first to protest their use in Vietnam. When the outcry against Chemical and Biological Warfare reached its peak, the American Association for the Advancement of Science sent a commission of scientists to Vietnam for a field study.

The military gave them little help, saying that most of the information was "classified".

Nevertheless, they discovered that the spraying has destroyed enough timber to have met Vietnamese needs for years and enough food to feed 600,000 people for a year. They found that the crops destroyed were largely the crops of mountain tribesmen, not National Liberation Soldiers, who had been driven from their villages by the spraying.

"The water buffalo are killed by eating sprayed grass", the scientists reported, "They (the refugees) feel that the land is poisoned and cursed from the air. ...The children, in particular, may die from the effects."

The Army withheld its own study of stillbirths and birth defects in Vietnam, but the scientists discovered that where people had a high exposure to the chemicals, there was a clear increase in stillbirths.

U.S. planes sprayed toxic chemicals over the densely populated Mekong Delta widely just last summer, in Tra Vinh and Can Tho provinces destroying thousands of acres of farmlands and orchards. In Ben Tre, more than half the people suffered eye damage from the chemicals, and some children lost their sight and then died.

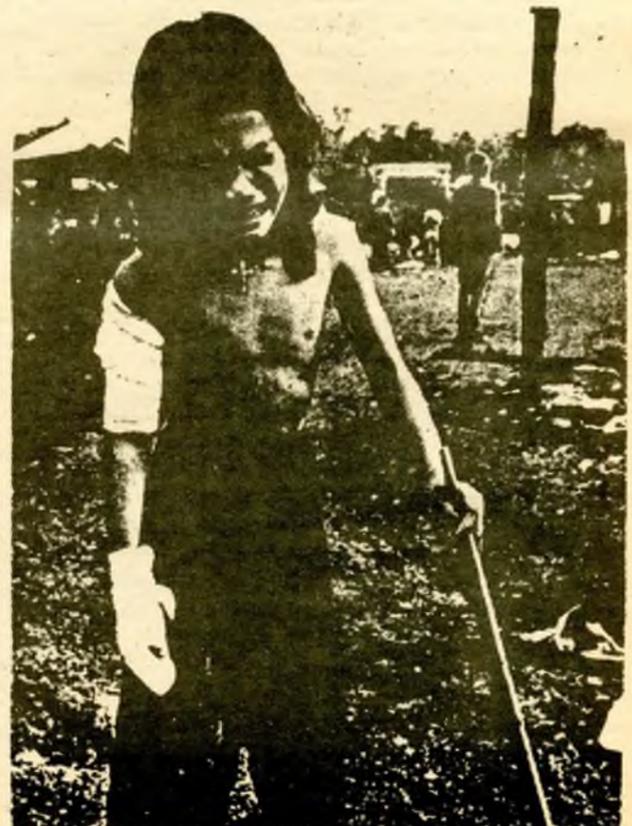
Rather than limiting these chemicals, the Nixon administration has turned them over to the Thieu regime, and extended their use to North Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

When a member of the study team returned to Vietnam last fall, he found that after "suspending" the use of herbicides the U.S. left enough of the most toxic chemical--2,4,5,-T ("Orange") in the country to spray half a million acres. When he asked whether the U.S. or Saigon had jurisdiction over the chemicals, he was given the runaround.

A spokesman for the South Vietnamese army refused to comment. A spokesman for the U.S. Embassy said the stashes of

Orange "had not been forgotten". Then a spokesman for the US military assistance command told him that the Orange belonged to the Vietnamese government, and they could use it if, when and as they wished.

So who do you believe--Nixon or the VC?



# PROPOSAL: TWO VIEWS

## II. Nixon Plan Shows U.S. Weakness

by David Ransom, Redwood City Venceremos

"Viet Reds Scorn Nixon Speech," the headlines blared. Americans who had read "US. Quits If POWs Freed" the day before asked "how come?"

The Viet Cong read the fine print--that's how come.

They discovered that Nixon was demanding not only the release of the POWs, but most of what they've won in 12 years of hard fighting. Nixon wants them to "neutralize" all of Indochina, to stop their offensive against Thieu (now that they've got a real move on), and take part in an election designed to put the unpopular Saigon dictator in the president's seat for the third time.

In the U.S., it was the families of the POWs who saw through the Nixon smoke-screen. Delia Alvarez, the San Jose sister of an airman shot down in North Vietnam 8 years ago, said after Nixon's television speech that she was "extremely disappointed."

"Realistically, they won't release the prisoners until we stop bombing the people. This won't happen until Thieu is out, with no Vietnamization."

One of the targets of Nixon's speech was the Florida presidential primary. The New York Times reported that it was helping him there. The North Vietnamese charged that the purpose of the speech was "to deceive the American electorate in this election year."

The North Vietnamese say that in both public and private Paris talks the Nixon Administration has avoided what they consider two "fundamental" points. It has refused to discuss stopping Vietnamization and pulling out all U.S. troops and supplies and dismantling U.S. bases, as well as stopping all air and naval activities against the Vietnamese people. The Nixon administration has "sought every means" to keep the Thieu dictatorship in power.

None the less, the delegates of the North Vietnamese and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam have asked careful questions about the Nixon proposals-- the first the adminis-

tration has put forth since the Vietnamese advanced their own Seven-Point Peace Proposal nearly a year ago.

The one new element in the Nixon package was Thieu's public willingness to step down and hold an election in which the PRG would be allowed to run. Some Saigon observers speculated that Thieu offered to resign only because he expected Nixon's proposal to be unacceptable to the PRG. Others thought he expected that the U.S. would leave him in control of the central government's apparatus, thus insuring his re-election as before.

At home, the Nixon "peace offensive" is clearly a pre-election gimmick. But abroad--in Southeast Asia--it comes at a time when American-backed dictatorships are suffering the heaviest losses since PRG troops broke into South Vietnamese cities in the Tet offensive of 1968.

Just days before Nixon's TV spectacular, Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield revealed what Pamoja Venceremos has reported for some two months--that U.S.-supported troops are doing so badly in Laos and Cambodia that those nations are "there for the grabbing" by popular forces.

Mansfield urged that the Paris talks be scrapped and new talks started which would deal with all three countries, since the Vietnam War "has become three wars sealed into one."

This, he said, was "the inevitable consequence of the invasion of Cambodia in 1970 and the military adventure into Laos in 1971."

Mansfield was wrong about one thing--with Thailand, the war is now four wars in one.

Thai insurgents have moved down from the mountainous North and the dry, sparsely settled Northeast into the populous central plains of Thailand, where they have friends among a peasantry increasingly unhappy with the generals in Bangkok.

Well-armed with rocket launchers and mortars, the guerillas are coordin-

ating their dry-season offensives with those in Laos and Cambodia.

Thai central-government troops aren't doing any better than the guns-for-hire American money has bought elsewhere in Southeast Asia. Some 3,000 Thais were recently airlifted to Laos to replace Thai battalions wiped out by the Pathet Lao. Those battalions had themselves replaced decimated elements of the CIA's "Armee Clandestine"--Meo hill tribesmen who had earlier replaced the helter-skelter soldiers of the "Royal Laotian Government".

All in all, the used car salesman in the White House has nothing to lose and everything to gain by advancing a "peace" plan that has a fancy new body covering an old, long dead engine.

But, like we say, the Vietnamese are the kind to kick the tires before they buy. And with Nixon negotiations, the POWs may be sitting in Hanoi for a long time.



This Vietnamese brother and his comrades prepare to defend their homeland against Nixon's Vietnamization proposal. Keep a sharp aim, brother.

## Saigon Strike Broken - For Thieu's Wife

While working people in the United States are carrying this country's economic burden for the war in Indochina, the Vietnamese workers are subjected to even greater economic hardships.

In the US, the corporation controlled government has created a wage board to destroy the right of collective bargaining by making each new contract subject to federal review. In South Vietnam the war has put the entire working class in chaos. Here, Nixon has used the Taft-Hartley Act against the Longshoremen and now is seeking Congressional legislation to end their strike. In South Vietnam, President Thieu has used a special 1968 law forbidding strikes to end the walkout at the Eagle Battery factory.

Last October, 16 leaders of the Eagle Battery factory union local put forward four demands on behalf of the other workers: a pay raise to keep up with Vietnam's spiraling inflation, equal pay for women doing equal work with men, protective masks for workers handling toxic black powder, and re-instatement of scholarships for workers' children. All 16 leaders were fired and the other workers walked out.

The Eagle Battery factory is very profitable to its owners. It pays only 45 cents a day for starting workers and 80 cents for workers with ten years of seniority. 600 of the 650 employees are women.

The super profits the owners make come not only from the low wages they pay

but from the fact that the company has a monopoly on selling batteries to the South Vietnamese Army. One very important fact about this monopoly is that 60% of the shares of the Eagle Battery factory are owned by President Thieu's wife.

Despite the fact that the South Vietnamese constitution guarantees the right to organize labor unions and to strike, it is only on paper. Even the newspapers

were not allowed to print any news of the strike. Those which did had that issue confiscated.

With the complete help of the government and the courts the strike was broken in mid-December. Workers had to return to work in order to live and to remain out of prison. The leaders and some of the other workers still are in prison.



# Stanford Women's Union



The Women's Union is an anti-imperialist group which works in the movement in general and on women's issues. From our upbringing and daily lives, we had learned of the need for women's liberation. Experiences in America and study of U.S. imperialism taught us that women will never be liberated as long as everyone is a slave to the Beast. China, Vietnam, Cuba, Russia, and Algeria showed us that the difference between success and failure of social revolution depends on the participation of women organized as women.

The Women's Union is active in the Stanford Rehabilitation Movement (SRM). In the first stages of the movement, male chauvinism was blatantly apparent. At a 3-hour meeting women were ignored while men talked in endless circles. Whenever a woman was chair at a meeting or rally, she was a mere token, while it was men who controlled her and pulled the strings. We decided to stop this.

By uniting in mutual support and solidarity, we made sure that chairwomen really chaired and that women's participation wasn't token. We also decided to do an exemplary action.

Some classes were scheduled to be disrupted at 9:00 one morning. We decided that we'd disrupt an 8:00 class, an all-male engineering class taught by Professor Bryson. Bryson holds DOD contracts and is rumored to be top candidate for dean of the engineering school.

At 8:05 the next morning, when Professor Bryson confronted the women, all his smooth-talk and masculine rationality deserted him. Refusing to debate, he asked his students to help him throw us out. He marched out of the class, with many of his students following. With the students who remained, we talked about Bruce Franklin's firing, why we

had disrupted the class, and why there are so few women in engineering classes. When plainclothes police and photographers arrived, we talked about that.

Followed by the Sheriffs and police photographers, we rushed to the 9:00 disruptions, where we let the men know that they were with people who had already had some practice.

Since then, women have taken more initiative and have been more accepted in the movement as equals. We showed that women are capable of acting. But most important, we showed that we can organize ourselves to initiate, plan and execute actions which we see as necessary and correct.

The presence of a strong women's organization is accomplishing important goals in the movement:

1) Male chauvinism is being effectively combatted in a non-antagonistic way. Instead of being bitter and turning towards separatism, women are coming into the movement more and more, because we can gain our rightful place in SRM.

2) Men are recognizing the importance of women's issues in the struggle. Several men have volunteered to help us with our current project.

3) Our main project provides an example of alliance between workers and students. We are preparing for the coming HEW investigation of job discrimination against women at Stanford.

In addition to obvious on-the-job discrimination, women workers find themselves deprived of their basic rights and necessities, such as free child care, full health care, including pregnancy leave, and night courses.

A coalition of groups has started to work on the investigation. The coalition includes members of the Women's Union, Venceremos, The Third World Liberation Front, United Stanford Employees and Stanford Professional Women.

In order to create a successful anti-imperialist movement at Stanford, workers and students must support each other all the way. The Women's Union is one of the few Stanford groups whose membership includes students, workers and other community people; one of the few where students are joining with workers on a worker's issue, which we see affecting all of us in a broad context.

Perhaps it is easier for women workers and students to join together around any one issue because we are already united around our oppression as women. For this reason, the women's movement can be the concrete link in a necessary alliance between students and workers for a successful struggle.

## N. Viet Peace Plan

SEE PAGE 6 FOR STORY ON "PEACE" PLAN

Following is the text of the nine-point "peace initiative" which North Vietnamese officials presented to Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, President Nixon's adviser for national security affairs, at a secret meeting in Paris last June 26.

1. The withdrawal of the totality of U.S. forces and those of other foreign countries in the U.S. camp from South Vietnam and other Indochinese countries should be completed within 1971.

2. The release of all military men and civilians captured in the war should be carried out parallelly and completed at the same time with the troop withdrawal mentioned in Point 1.

3. In South Vietnam, the United States should stop supporting Thieu-Ky Khiem so that there may be set up in Saigon a new administration standing for peace, independence, neutrality and democracy. The provisional revolutionary government of the Republic of South Vietnam will enter into talks with that administration to settle all internal affairs of South Vietnam and to achieve national concord.

4. The U.S. government must bear full responsibility for the damages caused by the United States to the people of the whole Vietnam. The government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and the provisional revolutionary govern-

ment of the Republic of South Vietnam demand from the U.S. government reparations for the damages caused by the United States in the two zones of Vietnam.

5. The United States should respect the 1954 Geneva agreements on Indochina and those of 1962 on Laos. It should stop its aggression and intervention in the Indochina countries and let their peoples settle by themselves their own affairs.

6. The problems existing among the Indochinese countries should be settled by the Indochinese parties on the basis of mutual respect for independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity, and noninterference in each other's internal affairs. As far as it is concerned, the Democratic Republic of Vietnam is prepared to join in resolving such problems.

7. All the parties should achieve a cease-fire after the signing of the agreements on the above-mentioned problems.

8. There should be an international supervision.

9. There should be an international guarantee for the fundamental national rights of the Indochinese peoples, the neutrality of South Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia and lasting peace in this region.

The above points form an integrated whole.

## Political Power



BY KENT HUTCHINGS

Our rich rulers in Washington--the ones that live in those expensive houses protected by the police they control as well as private guards--are trying once more to disarm the people.

This time, the Treasury Department is trying to find some remotely plausible excuse to outlaw cheap handguns.

Often called "Saturday Night Specials," poor people use them on Saturday night (and every other day of the week) to hold up stores and shoot cops and enemies.

The Treasury decided people might buy its policy if it could prove that cheap handguns were unsafe. They spent \$135,000 and fired 243,000 rounds of ammo to make their point.

They were wrong.

The tests, which involved shooting each pistol 5000 times to determine its reliability and, with another pistol of the same make and model, trying to blow it up with tremendously powerful ammo, proved only that cheap pistols are just as safe and reliable as far more expensive weapons.

Out of 15 pistols that fired 5000 rounds without breaking anything, eight of them cost less than \$85 and two cost only \$25. Out of the seven pistols that refused to blow up, three were "cheapies."

Their tests were hardly scientific. Taking two copies of each model of pistol tested and subjecting them to endurance and blow-up tests proves little more than that those particular pistols performed as well or as poorly as they did in the test.

Furthermore, with the exception of pistols used for target shooting, the average gun owner shoots his weapon only a few hundred times in all the years he owns it.

So, why see if it will fire reliably 5000 times?

Having proved nothing, the Treasury had the gall to say that their tests showed that they had proved "the feasibility of establishing objective safety and reliability standards" for handguns "to aid in the development of a minimum safety standard if such a standard is feasible, and a testing procedure which will determine if a handgun offered for sale to the general public complies with that standard."

"However," the Department added, "certain of the criteria within this procedure can only be derived subjectively."

Right on! The tests proved the subjective lengths the ruling class will go to to justify disarming the people.

The only people who worry about the safety of cheap handguns are our rulers. They're afraid that the guns will be used on them.

P.S.: If you want to buy a serviceable pistol for \$25, guaranteed safe by the US government, read the December, 1971, issue of the American Rifleman. It runs down the results of the tests in detail. Also, follow this column for further information about "Saturday Night Specials."

Two recent incidents involving Molotov cocktails almost made me laugh. In both cases the cocktails were put on the ground and the fuses lit.

The fuse burned out and nothing happened.

A MOLOTOV COCKTAIL DOES NOT EXPLODE!

All it does is start fires. The simplest kind of cocktail consists of a thin glass bottle filled with gas, with a rag or Tampax stuck in the neck, soaked with gas and hanging partly outside the bottle. When the fuse is lit and the cocktail thrown, the bottle breaks and sprays gas all over, which is lit by the flaming fuse.

# HOUSING AUTHORITY CONFRONTED

Last week, two meetings took place about housing in San Mateo County. The Housing Authority, the Board of Supervisors and Housing and Urban Development (H.U.D.) were racist, discourteous, and unconcerned with the people. They have the power to decide who lives here, under what conditions, for how much money, and for how long they can live in public housing.

Poor people from Daly City, Redwood City and East Palo Alto were there. Black, Brown and White people showed righteous indignation towards the "authorities" who refuse to deal with the right of the people to decent housing.

At the first meeting, people questioned the Housing Authority (H.A.) on evictions, make-up of the board, and the effectiveness of their trying to solve the housing problem.

People are not only being thrown out of public housing units, the houses are being taken off H.A.'s list because they are unfit for human habitation. Housing director Glenn Weman tried to convince us that these 52 people won't be evicted; he said they would be relocated into houses which haven't even been built yet! He also said that these people are being moved out of the houses "for their own good", and there are too many houses available for public housing! There is a court order halting such evictions, which the tenants groups forced from the authorities last November, but the H.A. refused to give any assurance that there would be no terminations of housing.

We also questioned the appointment of Louis Colagiovanni to the board by the Board of Supervisors. Tenants demanded the appointment of a low-income Chicano to the board last November, but Colagiovanni is the retired vice-president of the Bank of America!

## NO MONEY FOR HOUSING

The Housing Authority in San Mateo County has existed since 1945. The members are well-to-do, there is only one non-white member, and no women. None of them can speak or understand Spanish.

The County Housing Element, published by and for the county, recommends at least 10,000 more housing units. 26,000 people are paying more rent than they should, and 10% of the county is ill-housed. The average rent in S.M. County is the highest in the Bay Area.

San Mateo County reaches from Daly City to East Palo Alto, yet the Housing Authority has gotten money to build only

38 housing units. These will be single dwelling units for old people in R.C.

San Francisco received \$23 million for housing in 6 years, Santa Clara County got \$3,500,000 in 4 years, and Stanford got \$25 million for student dorms in 6 years. But H.U.D. refuses to give S.M. County any money for housing.

At the second meeting, the Supervisors, H.U.D., and H.A. were even more arrogant to the people. We met in the Hall of Justice and the room was crowded with people waiting to express complaints and dissatisfactions, while sheriff's deputies stood guard over them in plainclothes.

Cliff Boxley, the Black director of the R.C. Probe Center, again brought up the issue of the 52 termination notices given to tenants.

Mrs. Rodriguez, a Chicana from R.C., accused the H.A. and the Supervisors of not acknowledging the large poor Spanish-speaking population of R.C. Weman, speaking for the board, said he wasn't aware of any large Spanish-speaking population in Redwood City! The Housing Authority was set up to help the large numbers of Chicanos who have been living in R.C. since 1920, yet they don't know the Chicanos exist! Their racism was made even more clear when one of the commissioners left to call his office to find out what the name of their own Spanish-speaking staff member was. This woman had obviously been shoved into a corner, to be pulled out

as proof of H.A.'s concern for Spanish-speaking people.

An elderly woman said that she has been on the housing list since 1967, and has gotten the run-around since then and still has no single unit of reasonable rent to live in.

Myron Filene of Venceremos demanded that 3 of the 5 housing commissioners resign and be replaced by Black, Brown and White low-income tenants.

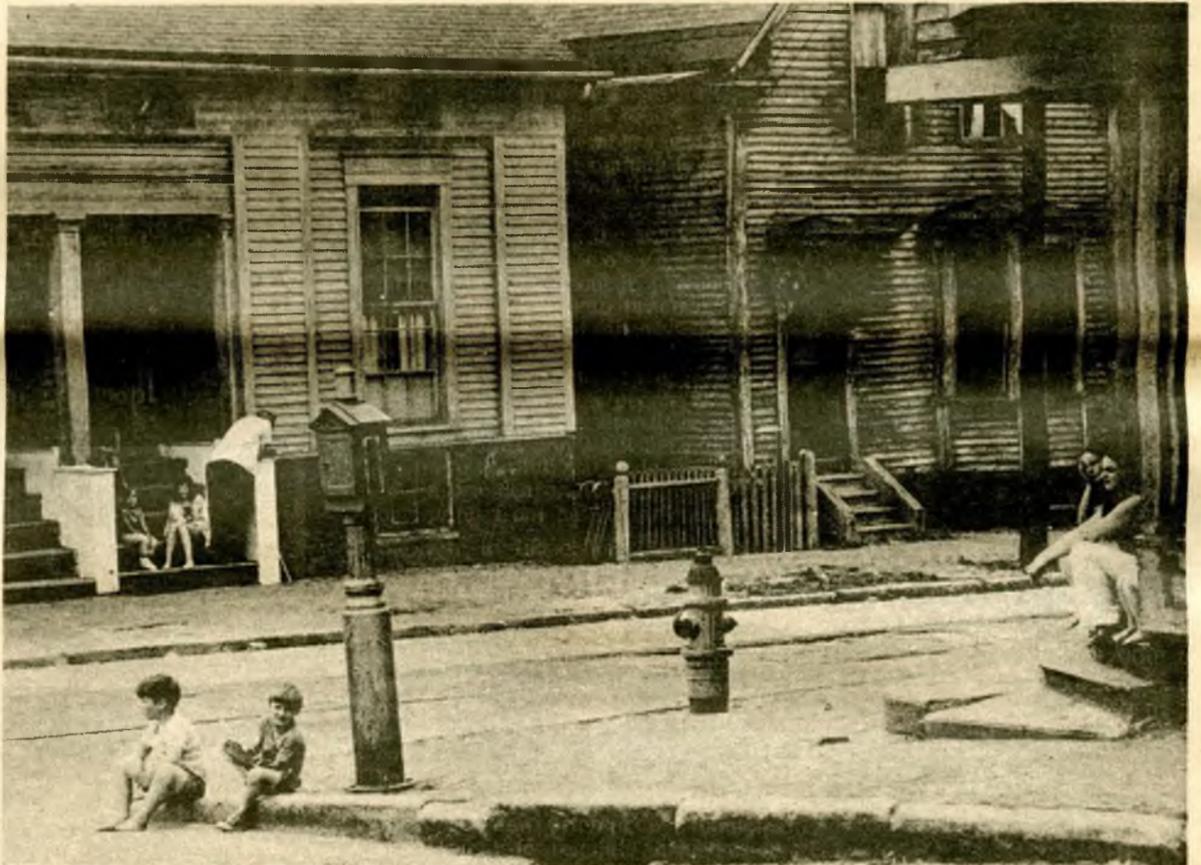
The commissioners listened for 3 hours as the people voiced their feelings, and "in all fairness" heard everyone who was on the list. But the lid finally blew off when Jane Franklin, a member of Venceremos, accused the board of "having been involved in corruption". One of its members, Mr. St. Clair, who has been charged with misuse of county vehicles and telephones, replied, "I refuse to sit here and listen to wild charges that we are corrupt". He then walked out.

We all realized that we couldn't gain anything by staying, so we left.

All the people that were there are now part of the loosely-organized Coalition for a New Housing Authority.

If there is to be further action, the people will be notified. Call Cliff Boxley at 369-4457 for more information, or read Pamoja Venceremos.

MRS. FLORES



## VENDIDO ON THE LOOSE



On Monday, January 24 at a community meeting, acting director Louis Moreill of the South San Francisco Information Center (a government funded program) was exposed by the people in the community for what he really is, a tío taco lackey. It was proven on that night that he had called immigration agents to raid the home of a Chicano family who were housing some brothers from Mexico without any papers. During the raid one of the brothers had his arm broken by one of the agents.

During the Monday night meeting Moreill

was proven guilty of this crime against the people when the tío taco said "I follow the law of the United States." He should consider himself lucky that he was not beaten up the way many people wanted to that night.

Apparently the thing started when a woman went to the center looking for a low costing house, for she had just come into town after being gone for two years. It seems that she wanted the house she was renting when she left (where the chicano family lived). Instead of doing his real job of serving the poor in South City, by fighting for low-income housing, he calls the pigs on the people. But we are not surprised by these reactions because, for the last three years in which the center has been in our community nothing has changed for the better--in fact they have been getting worse. This has happened because every one of the past directors either did not relate, live in, or understand the chicano, poor and working community which they were supposed to serve. Until the time comes when the power to hire an

and control the activities of the center is taken away from a small number of well to do people and placed in the hands of the people who will use it and need it, nothing will change.

As of now tío taco Moreill is only acting director, but he is eyeing the position of permanent director, which will be chosen soon. We must not let him get his dreams, and must see that a person who really understands our needs and who will fight to see that they are met, be hired by the people they will serve.

(If you are interested in taking on the job of Director and you have the good of the community in mind fill out an application at the info center at 801 Linden, So. S.F.)

HASTA LA VICTORIA SIEMPRE  
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

Committee for community  
control of the Info Center

# R.C. COUNCIL IGNORES PEOPLE



En la noche del lunes, el 24 de enero el Consejo Municipal de Redwood City se juntaron para discutir las resoluciones del Congreso para el Progreso de la Comunidad del noviembre pasado. Las resoluciones, que pudieran mejorar las condiciones de la gente pobre y obrera en Redwood City, fueran negadas o referidas a comites donde seran desatendido en el futuro.

Cuando paso el Congreso de la Comunidad en Sequoia High School el 13 de Noviembre, gente de la comunidad (de todos colores y edades) se juntaron y hicieron unas decisiones sobre como podemos hacer Redwood City un lugar mejor para vivir.

El Congreso estaba patrocinado por P.G.&E. y la cámara de comercios y estaba pagado por comerciantes locales. No esperaban que la gente pobre y trabajadora lo controlar, y no les gustaron los resultados. Comerciantes locales, y residentes de los cerros de la ciudad atendieron la junta de Consejo Municipal para asegurar que "sus" representativas votaran con los comerciantes/dueños/policia, contra los intereses de la gente.

Mas de 150 personas atendieron la junta, y porque solamente 100 personas pueden sentar dentro del cuarto, 40 o 50 personas fueron forzados a esperar afuera del cuarto durante la mayor parte de la junta de 4 horas, y fuimos vigilado constantemente por 15 policias.

Antes que consideraron las resoluciones del Congreso, el consejo acordaron a una demanda para comunicaciones orales como un parte regular de cada junta. Esto ha sido demandado la semana pasada por Venceremos de Redwood City, El Centro Medico del Pueblo, el Comité de Mujeres para defender el derecho de vivir, la Cooperativa de comida de la Gente, la colectiva de salud de Mujeres, y el Comité para la defensa legal de la Gente Pobre. Ahora, al fin de cada junta del Consejo la gente pueden hablar al consejo de cualquiera cosa con que creen que la ciudad debe tratar.

El consejo entonces empezó consideración de las 21 resoluciones pasados por el Congreso de la Comunidad que fueron referido al Consejo Municipal para acción. Estos incluyeron proposiciones por juntas del consejo en vecindades de la comunidad; un centro para referir quejas; mini-parques y piscinas de chapotear en Redwood City; tarifa reducida del autobus para los habitantes viejos; alquilar habitantes viejos para trabajar con haciendo soluciones a las problemas especiales de los habitantes viejos; clínicas de salud de vecindades; alquilar desarrollantes de empleos y un esfuerzo extra para alquilar los desempleados en Redwood City, y jovenes negros y morenos en Redwood City; establecimiento de un programa comprensivo

para combatir el abuso de drogas; y una proposición que debe despachar a Nixon, preguntandole a acabar la guerra en Viet Nam inmediatamente.

Todas estas proposiciones pudieran mejorarse la calidad de vida para la mayoría de la gente en Redwood City. Esto es la razon porque fueron pasados por el Congreso para el Progreso de la Comunidad. Pero el Consejo no escucho a los argumentos de la gente quien favorece las proposiciones, ellos negaron o referieron a el comité (para ser negado después) todas las resoluciones excepto para una que sugesta que la ciudad ilumina las canchas de tenis que existen.

Las resoluciones sobre habitaciones, drogas y la guerra en Vietnam esclarecen el interés del Consejo Municipal sobre el bienestar de la gente de Redwood City.

Sobre la cosa de habitaciones, preguntamos para control de rentas (no para una congelación de rentas); que la ciudad reduce las rentas a niveles razonables que gente puede hacer el gasto; preguntamos para un moratorio de evicciones, preguntamos para mucho habitaciones de redito bajo en el desarrollamiento de Redwood Shores. Pero el consejo municipal refuso a tomar acción sobre cualquiera proposiciones de habitación, en vez, las referieron al Comité de Cuidado de Habitación.

Otra cosa importante para nosotros es una programa comprensiva de drogas. Preguntemos a la ciudad dinero para un centro de detoxificación y una casa comunal donde adictos pueden empezar a ayudarles uno al otro. También dijimos que tiene que garantizar inmunidad de prosecucion.

Preguntemos al consejo de que estan haciendo sobre el abuso de drogas en Redwood City. El consejo revela que no saben nada de drogas en Redwood City. Cuando Steve Lockwood, representante de la Programa de la Gente para Rehabilitación de Drogas insistió que el consejo empieza una programa de drogas solida, el alcalde dijo que el consejo suporta el programa de drogas del condado.

Doris Wood, una mujer de la comunidad, exposó esta mentira por nuestro alcalde "honrado". Ella describio sus tres anos de frustración cuando atento a hacer algo sobre el abuso de drogas. El condado no ha hecho y no esta haciendo nada sobre el abuso de drogas. El condado de San Mateo nunca ha gastado ningun dinero para el tratamiento de los abusantes de drogas.

Sang Duk Kim, un veterano de la guerra en Vietnam pregunta que era lo que el condado y la ciudad estan haciendo para los veteranos volviendo de Vietnam quienes son adictos. Otra vez la respuesta fue nada.

La problema de abuso de drogas en nuestra comunidad nos afecta todos. Podemos ver nuestras familias o amigos adic-

tos en una droga o otra (alcohol, barbituratos, cigarillos, pastillas para dormir, etc.) Los únicos que este abuso beneficia son ellos quienes ganan provechos grandes por esto; la Mafia, compañías de drogas, compañías de alcohol, el gobierno (con los taxes).

El uso grande de drogas es un modo perfecto para controlar la gente. Si la gente siempre esta tomando drogas, no puede hacer nada para cambiar las condiciones en que viven solamente gente de mente clara (libre de drogas) puede luchar para un cambio. El colmo fue la resolución contra la guerra. Tan pronto como esta cosa vino el Sr. Peterson del consejo hizo una moción que el consejo no discute la resolución. Su moción fue segundado inmediatamente. Muchas personas, como 25-30 habían planiado a hablar en breve, en un atento a convencer al consejo a pasar la resolución. Entonces el consejo les dijo que la discusión estaba limitado a si debe el consejo discutir la resolución, o no, no si debe ser pasada.

Frank De Sio, un participante por mucho tiempo en los asuntos de uniones de labor, dijo que el movimiento de labor, localmente y nacional, esta contra la guerra y urgio que el consejo pasa la resolución. Sr. Peterson y alcalde Bury interrumpieron muy rudamente a Sr. De Sio 5-6 veces durante su pleito de 3 minutos al consejo.

Bob King, del Centro Medico del Pueblo, dijo al consejo que desatendiendo la guerra es lo que este país declaro culpable las personas de Nuremberg.

Jane Franklin de Venceremos dijo al consejo y audiencia que ellos en el público quienes que se opongan a la guerra, aman este país. Pero ella dice que no amamos una idea abstracta representado por una bandera. En vez, amamos la gente en las ciudades, condados, y estados de este país. Y es porque amamos la gente de este país que queremos que termine la guerra. El peso de la guerra esta llevado por la gente pobre y obrera de Redwood City y este país. Es nosotros quienes peleamos y morimos. Son nuestras tasas que finacian la guerra, es nuestros sueldos que estan

a causa de la guerra. Es nosotros quienes somos adictos a heroína en Vietnam y es nosotros quienes no podemos encontrar habitaciones decentes en Redwood City porque todas nuestras tasas estan pagando para la guerra y "defensa". Jane dijo que este amor por la gente nos llevo al gobierno local para pedir por ayuda en terminar esta guerra que esta causando el sufrimiento de tanto de la gente, aqui y en Vietnam.

Pero al consejo municipal, todo esto fue fuera del propósito y inmaterial. Ellos votaron 5-2 que ni siquiera discutaron la resolución contra la guerra. A ese punto, la mayoría de la gente salieron con disgusto.

# R.C. Councilio No Oyen a La Gente

On Jan. 24, the Redwood City Council met to discuss the resolutions from last November's Congress for Community Progress. The resolutions which would have improved the conditions of poor and working people were either denied outright or referred to committees, to be ignored in the future.

When the Community Congress was held on Nov. 13th, community people of all colors and ages came together and made some decisions about how we thought we could make R.C. a better place. The congress was sponsored by PG&E and the Chamber of Commerce, and funded by local businessmen. They didn't expect poor people to control it, and didn't like what happened. Many businessmen and residents from the foothills came to the council meeting Monday to make sure that "their" representatives voted with the businessmen/landlords/police and against the interests of the people.

Over 150 people attended the meeting, but because the council chamber holds only 100, many people were forced to wait outside during most of the meeting, while about 15 police watched them.

Before considering the resolutions, the council agreed to a demand for oral communications as a regular part of their agenda. This had been demanded the week before by R.C. Venceremos, People's Medical Center, the Women's Committee to Defend the Right to Live, People's Food Coop, the Women's Health Collective, and the Poor People's Defense Committee. Now at the end of each meeting, people can address the council on anything they want the city to deal with.

The council then began consideration of the 21 resolutions passed by the community congress which were referred to the council for action. These included proposals for council meetings in community neighborhoods, a complaint referral center, mini-parks and wading pools in R.C., reduced bus fare for senior citizens, the hiring of senior citizens to work on solutions to the special problems of senior citizens, neighborhood health clinics, hiring of job developers and an extra effort to hire the unemployed in R.C. and Black and Brown youths, establishment of a drug abuse program, and a proposal to be sent to Nixon asking him to end the Vietnam war immediately.

All these proposals would've improved

the quality of life for the vast majority of people in R.C. That's why the community congress passed them. But the council didn't listen to the people who favored these proposals; it just denied or referred to committees (to be later denied) every resolution except one that suggested the city light tennis courts.

The resolutions on housing, drugs, and the Vietnam war illustrate the concern that the City Council has for the welfare of the people of Redwood City.

In the area of housing we asked for rent control (not a rent freeze) where the city would set rents back to reasonable levels that people can afford; we asked for a moratorium on evictions; we asked for much low income housing in the development of Redwood Shores. [Also see R.C. Housing article, this issue of Pamoja Venceremos.]

But the City Council refused to act on any of our housing proposals, instead referring them to the Housing Concerns Committee.

Another important thing to us is a comprehensive drug program. We asked the city for money for a detoxification center and a communal house where ex-addicts can begin to get their heads together. There would have to be guaranteed immunity from prosecution.

We asked what the council was doing about drug abuse. They revealed that they knew nothing about the drug scene. All the council could say about our demand, which was voiced by Steve Lockwood of the People's Drug Rehabilitation Program, was that they supported the county's drug program.

Doris Wood, a community woman, exposed that lie by our honest mayor. She described her 3 years of trying to do something about drug abuse. The county has done, and is doing, little about drugs. San Mateo County spends no money at all on the treatment of drug abusers.

Sang Duk Kim, a Vietnam Vet, asked what the county and R.C. is doing for returning vets hooked on drugs. Again, the answer was nothing.

Drug abuse affects us all. We see our family and friends hooked on one drug or another (alcohol, barbiturates, cigarettes, heroin, sleeping pills, etc.) The only ones who benefit from this is those who make huge profits from it; the Mafia, drug and alcohol companies, the

government (in taxes), etc.

Heavy drugs are the perfect way of keeping people under control. If you're always loaded, you can't do much to change the conditions around you. Only clear-headed people (free of drugs) can fight for change. STOP THE PLAGUE

The anti-war resolution was the last straw. As soon as it came up, Councilman Peterson made a motion that they not discuss it at all. It was quickly seconded. Many, possibly 25 or 30 people, had planned to speak briefly to try to convince the council to pass the resolution. Now they were told that the discussion would be about whether the council should discuss it, not whether it should be passed.

Frank DeSio, a long-time participant in labor union affairs, said that the labor movement, locally and nationally, was against the war, and urged the council to pass the resolution. DeSio was rudely interrupted by Councilman Peterson and Mayor Bury 5 or 6 times during his 3-minute plea to the council.

Bob King, from the People's Medical Center, told the council that ignoring the war was what this country convicted the people at Nuremberg for.

Jane Franklin of Venceremos told the council that those in the audience who opposed the war loved this country, too. But we don't love an abstraction represented by a flag; we love the people in the cities, counties and states that make up the country. And it's because we love the people that we want the war ended. The burden of the war is borne by the poor and working people of R.C. and the rest of the country. It is we who fight and die, it is our taxes that pay for the war, it is our wages that are frozen because of it, it's we who get hooked on heroin in Nam and who can't find decent housing in R.C. because all our taxes go to the war and "defense". Jane said that this love for the people brought us to local government to appeal for help in ending this war that is causing so many people to suffer, both here and in Vietnam.

But to the council, all this was irrelevant. They quickly voted on the issue without further comment; they voted 5-2 not to even discuss the anti-war resolution. At that point, most of the people walked out in disgust.



# A Product of U.S. Industry



by Steve Wagner  
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There is a side to American industry that only victims see. The mass media never mentions it, but it's there. That side is full of death and destruction.

Until I was injured in 1969 the term "industrial injury" was one that I found hard to relate to. When I hired on at Todd Shipyards in August of 1969 I had no idea that within a month I'd not only experience it first-hand but would learn more about it than I wanted to believe.

I hired on at Todd's as a Burner. My job was to cut steel with an automatic burning-torch. It seemed relatively easy -- I was in the shop and the job consisted mostly of watching a machine cut huge slabs of steel. All I had to do was set the machine, light the torch, and make sure it stayed on the line to be cut. The pay was \$4.18 an hour, and it seemed like a job I could stay with for awhile. Other workers mentioned incidents where Burners had been working in a small compartment on a ship and had been burned to death, but that seemed very unreal to me. The steel shop was just across from the first-aid building, but I never paid any attention to the steady stream of workers going in and out of there. Besides, my bosses assured me that most workers who reported to first-aid were just trying to avoid work. Even the occasional ambulance didn't attract my attention.

September 8, 1969 is just an obscure day in the past to most. But to me it's the day that the horrors of capitalism began to be all too real. September 8th started like any other work day. My leadman got me started on cutting wedges out of extremely thick steel and I was just getting the hang of it by the time lunch rolled around. After lunch I started cutting wedges again, and then it happened. Hot steel sprayed on my pants leg and I was burning.

There was no water handy, so I beat at the flame with my hard-hat. That didn't help a bit. My leadman saw what was happening and threw his coat around my leg. He was afraid of burning his coat, though, so he took it off too soon and I started burning again. He threw the coat back around me, and I wouldn't let him take it off again until I was sure the fire was out. He took the matter lightly and told me to move over to the other side of the shop and get started on something else. I looked at him like he was crazy and he asked if I hurt. I did, so he told me to go on over to first-aid and have them put something on it to stop the pain. But first I had to wait for him to fill out a form so that first-aid would look at my burn.

Three minutes later he was over at first-aid to see why I was taking so long. The nurse had me run cold water over the burn, spray some gunk on it, wrap a bandage around it, and return to work. For the rest of that week I continued working, and the nurse would change the bandage once a day and spray some gunk on it. Every time I lit the torch I could imagine the smell of burning flesh, but first-aid didn't seem to think it was a bad burn; even the Todd doctor looked at it, and he didn't think it was too bad. The gunk they sprayed on it kept it from hurting, so I didn't think it was bad, either.

That Friday the leadman and I were cutting an especially difficult piece of steel, and we were concentrating real hard on keeping it within 1/16th of an inch from specifications. In fact I was concentrating so hard that I hardly noticed when the leadman stepped back from the area so the scrap steel wouldn't fall on his foot. I didn't pay any attention to the scrap steel until it fell on my foot. Then I was back at first-aid for the second injury that week.

This time they got real excited and sent me to a doctor. A third-degree burn didn't even phase 'em, but a simple toe injury brought all kinds of response. They sent me to a doctor out by Greenlake. He messed around a little with my foot, told me it was nothing to worry about, then asked why I was still working with such a bad burn. He told me not to go to work the next Monday, and see him again the next Tuesday. That one-day off work soon dragged into a month, and finally six weeks later the doctor decided the burn was not just a bad burn, but a very bad burn. It had become infected and I had trouble walking, when I could walk at all. So he sent me to a skin specialist who decided that what I really needed was some skin grafts. I spent three days in the hospital while they hacked skin off my good leg and tried to patch up the burns. I was in a special industrial-injury ward, and the stories I heard there confirmed every suspicion I'd ever had of just what capitalism is all about.

About a month later I returned to work, much wiser for the experience but still happy to be back on the job and making a little money again. Within 24 hours I was not only out-of-work but no longer eligible for workman's compensation because the doctor had signed a back-to-work slip for me. That's when I started to get really mad -- First these fiends had burned me, then they'd hacked new scars onto my good leg to try to patch up the one they'd mutilated,

and now they were telling me I couldn't work there any more.

I stormed out of there to my union hall. They hadn't been any help when I was injured, but I thought maybe they could do something about this new outrage. While I was bedridden with my injury I'd read a book called Revolution in Seattle that mentioned my union (Boilermakers Local 104) was the strongest in the state. So I had naive illusions about going to them and getting my job back.

I told the guy at the union hall what had happened, and he just looked at me like I was awful stupid. I elaborated a little further, thinking he just didn't understand. Then he told me flat out that he wasn't going to stick his neck out for me -- That of course Todd's had fired me. That Todd's fired people who had been injured as soon as they got back to work. He put it like this: "If they didn't fire you you'd be telling the other workers what had happened to you and they might start paying more attention to their own personal safety than to getting the job done quickly".

That's how I began to understand just what capitalism is all about. All kinds of contradictions began to make themselves evident, and I began to realize that big unions aren't just working hand-in-glove with big business; They are big business. Just like in the old gangster movies; You either pay your protection money or your milk-cans get all shot up -- With the union you either pay your dues or they have you fired. And if you get fired without any help on their part, they'll add insult to injury by telling you things that even the industrialists won't come right out and say.

Todd's and their union stand-ins get away with it because too many of us still fall for competing for things, like I did; \$4.18 per hour, Health and Welfare (so called), false sense of security. No more! The only way to go is to quit worrying about more things and gimmicks and learn how to get together and live like people.

## Government Lies About Unemployment

San Jose Manpower coordinator Al Pinon has charged the Department of Labor with "packing" its local employment statistics.

Last week, the Labor Department removed San Jose, San Francisco, Oakland, and Sacramento from its list of areas with "substantial unemployment" -- 6% or more.

"In looking around, I don't see where the situation has improved that much," Pinon told the S.J. Mercury (1/30/72) -- which buried the story on page 52.

Pinon charged that the Labor Department is "doctoring" its statistics to make things look better than they are, and that the recently fired director of the Bureau of Labor Statistics may have been fired for refusing to do so.

Among the employed, Pinon said, the Labor Department is counting people who have been given jobs under the Emergency Employment Act. But since these are temporary jobs, the people should remain among the "statistically unemployed," he said.

Pinon also said that the government is counting people who have gone off unemployment insurance among the newly employed. But he suggested that, instead of having gotten jobs, these people have simply reached the end of their unemployment insurance and are now without either jobs or state aid.

# Child Care Wins Round One

by Jim Shoch, Child Care Now and Palo Alto Venceremos

Child Care Now has won the first round of its fight to open an infant child care center at the First Presbyterian Church in Palo Alto. On Wednesday, January 26, the Planning Commission recommended approval of our application for a use permit by a vote of 5 to 5.

We began the hearing with a presentation of our plans for the center. Support was voiced by many people, including members of the church and P.A. School Board member Agnes Robinson. We also described the Sojourner Truth Child Care Center for 3-5 year-olds, located in the Old Mayfield School on El Camino Real near Page Mill Road.

The infant care center's rich opponents, organized into the University Park Association, began their attack by arguing that the center would lead to increased traffic and noise in the neighborhood. But as these objections were carefully rebutted and destroyed, the real nature of the University Park Association's opposition was made clear. The Association sees the center as a threat to their class interests.

William Sausotte argued that the church already provided a haven for drug addicts (Damien House) and draft-dodgers and deserters. Sausotte mentioned the case of Rick Larson, the 19-year-old sailor who deserted from the carrier the Midway rather than fight the Indochinese peoples. Larson took sanctuary in the church until he surrendered to a federal marshall. Sausotte plainly viewed the infant care center as an attempt by a "lesser" class of people to "invade" his fancy neighborhood. To his way of thinking, drug addicts, draft dodgers, and poor and working people in general must be kept out at all costs.

Blaine Morley, attorney for the University Park Association, continued the



political attack on the proposed center. He condemned the participation of Venceremos members in Child Care Now and quoted from Lynn Ober and Carol Peterson's article in a recent issue of Pamoja Venceremos, attacking the concept of political education. In the article, Morley quoted, "We know from history that people do change reality, and in a revolutionary day care center, we want to help kids find out how." They also wrote of the war in Indochina from the view of a 6-year-old Vietnamese girl: "You can talk about

how fine a thing it is for that young girl to fight against the U.S. bombers, and for the country and the people she loves." Morley was plainly outraged by this, but the audience dug it.

It became increasingly clear as the hearing proceeded that Sausotte, Morley, and the whole University Park Association are isolated in Palo Alto. Speaker after speaker supported the proposed center. A parent of one of the children in the Sojourner Truth Center spoke of the impersonal and racist treatment her daughter had experienced in other centers. She said she understood the politics of the Sojourner Truth Center and felt the teachers there showed more concern for her daughter than at any other place she'd been. 37 speakers voiced support for the center, and only 3 spoke against it.

Planning Commissioner Frank Rack, a right-winger, tried to continue the decision to the next week, but his motion was defeated by a 4-2 vote. The recommendation of approval of the use permit quickly followed, with Rack the only one to oppose it.

After the vote, Commissioner Anne Steinberg remarked that she had visited the Sojourner Truth Center and that the children there were all "healthy and happy", as were the teachers. She added that if the infant care center was run in the same way, she had no doubt as to the welfare of the children using the church facilities.

The final decision on the use permit will be made by the Palo Alto City Council in early February. If we have the same kind of support we received Wednesday, the opening of the infant care center will only be a matter of time.

## Sullivan Trial To Begin



Robert Sullivan Jr. will be going to trial on Feb. 28 in San Jose. The most recent event in this case is that Robert's charges have been changed by the District Attorney. He was charged with 3 counts of attempted murder and 5 counts of assault with a deadly weapon on a pig. Now he is charged with 5 counts of assault with a deadly weapon on a person and possession of a gun by a parolee.

The prosecution has made a very clever move here--- they seem confident they can railroad him because he is a parolee. Actually this is an admission of the tactics the police used in attacking Bobby and shows they are trying to prevent the defense from bringing the facts of the attack into the court room and exposing them.

The scene at Bobby's pad was that a snitch had been in and out and had made up a story about Bobby manufacturing speed at his apartment on Park Blvd. Gene Clifton, a dead P.A. narc, got a

warrant to search the apartment and went there on the night of Oct. 1. The pigs entered the house within 10 seconds after leaving their cars. They were dressed like hippies, and kicked the door open with guns drawn. Bobby not knowing who the hell these crazies were, defended his life when they stepped into his bedroom and started shooting at him. For this Bobby could go to jail for the rest of his life.

Bobby has done enough time in the Man's concentration camp-- the joint--and being a parolee "in possession of a gun" could get him an automatic 15 years. The laws in California tell us pretty clearly that if you are on parole you no longer have civil rights--least of all the right to self-defense. It is this fascist court system that Bobby is up against. The pigs have changed his charges because they figure no matter what the circumstances of the raid, Bobby is convicted for having a gun, much less using one. He is charged with assaulting the late Clifton, Roger Goodyear, a local racist P.A. pig who shot Bobby with a shotgun, and 3 Federal officers: Hardin, Sullivan, and McCracken.

The Robert Sullivan Defense Committee recognizes the difficult struggle we have ahead of us to free this Black brother; we intend to struggle on all levels. And we further intend to show that what Bobby did was the only thing he could do and the most righteous thing to do: He defended his right to live.

SUPPORT ROBERT SULLIVAN

SEND MONEY FOR ROBERT'S DEFENSE TO:  
ROBERT SULLIVAN DEFENSE COMMITTEE,  
Law Commune 1263 El Camino, Menlo Park  
SERVE THE PEOPLE STOP THE PLAGUE

## FREE MOVIES in MTN. VIEW

A revolutionary film series is starting in Mt. View. Every Sunday night at 7:30, free films will be shown at the Adobe House at 157 Moffett Blvd.

The films will also be available for other showings, especially in schools. If you are interested in working with this group or have ideas about getting times and places at schools, Mt. View schools in particular, please call Bruce at 964-5884 or Sandy at 493-1676.

## CHRIS LAURY TRIAL BEGINS



Chris Laury is a righteous brother who has been doing revolutionary work in the East Palo Alto and Redwood City area. He has been busted for resisting arrest and his trial begins Thursday, February 3, Department 3 of the Old Redwood City Courthouse on Broadway and Middlefield. Come and support brother Chris! The trial starts at 9:00 a.m. every morning.





To reach for something is the second step in acquiring it, but first one has to want it bad enough to reach for it! One has to have the initiative and drive once he knows what it is that he desires in order to obtain it. Mere reflects will not always produce success. Mind and physical coalition have to be unison.

This fact is further augmented today by the splits that are wrecking the peoples movement organization here in America... We all say that we want freedom---We say equally that we want the rights to self-determination, more so we shout from the bottom of our hearts that we want power to restore the people. But instead of moving on a unified platform to accomplish such objectives, everyone who claims to be a servant to the people appear to be caught up in a Cultural stagnation, as if the more culture one obtains, the sooner this government will assimilate we isolated souls, and hand to us the things we all call ourselves to battle for.

Speaking from a convict's standpoint of view, we are the most effected and absorb the most effects of the conditions which exist within this country. One of the most real discoveries a convict's mind learns how to do, through the most madding of prison hours, is to THINK! (I'm sorry to say though that this is not so with all!) But the convict that has acquired the patients to think, stands as a satellite while in his state of isolation. The reason being is that he can see the the whole of life and its real conditions from a spectators view. Everyone knows that when one watches a sports event or any grouping of activity, he can observe the actions better than the players involved!

History is the star by which we are directed into the righteous way of life. The history of any given movement is the guide of that movement's destiny... that particular nations destiny.

Whenever anyone does something worthwhile, that something inspires others to act at some future time. No one can question that! History is the best teacher man has ever had. History is not made but for one thing and that is for progress! But we should not forget the beauty of the old but bring it with us into the new! Changes, we can all agree are inevitable. Changes come and governments fall only because people are always more stronger when they are against something, than when they are in accord. Peoples motives are always more powerful when seeking changes, than the motives of those that are in agreement.

It is stupid to believe that this government, the system in power, this well organized capitalist mass is likely to make up their minds to assimilate with the masses or to amalgamate themselves with the poor. This belief is just plain impossible!

I shall try to explain why this condition exists in the minds of the capitalist. It is a very simple one, Prejudice, prejudice against an inferior position which we were forced into by circumstances and unfortunate conditions. This system is not prepared to assimilate or share its power, for in doing so it feels that it will be committing self-destruction upon its own financial status. One of the Most powerful ways the system has kept their financial status in tact, is by DIS-ORGANIZATION and PROPAGANDA that they have imposed on the masses! This is why we have but one door open to us, to organize and unite ourselves, not only as races but to incorporate the races TOGETHER!

Lets take a chess game for example. There are of course two armies, there has to be two of anything to cause friction or effect. One of the Armies is White, the other is Black. The White has the advantage from the start, white has the first move or blow against the black army. This naturely has put the black army at a disadvantage right?---right, okay then what would happen if each group had individual ideology as to how to fight the battle against an enemy that was trying to exterminate them? There would be a battle that would extent their survival for a period of time, but eventually and most inevitably they would be obliterated. Because the White army is organized with one centralized power and ideology. If the Black armies Kings, Queens, Knights, Bishops and even its MINDLESS PAWNS were to try and attack that army, but each at a different time and different ideology and different motives, do you really think they would have an effect on that white army? This is why we have to organize and unite well disciplined struggle, every struggle in history has failed only because discipline has been broken and mass confusion has followed.

Another example of what concentration and amalgamation can produce is the experience I've had in the (PINTA). Once there were convicts against convicts, whites against blacks, blacks against chicanos, chicanos against whites, etc. Then all of a sudden it stopped and convicts turned their concentration on the source of the conditions which existed that made them act like animals. Then and only then was there any kind of chance, but not until the source was threatened with it's own life. Man is not satisfied or moved by demonstrations or by hopes. But every man is moved by that power of authority

which forces him to do even what is not his will! Power is the only argument that satisfies man!

The system has an invasion and exploitation philosophy and not one for all! Those who are not blind can see that the government has been run by capitalist, and do not wish to let go of their package, they deport people who raise their voices for justice and equality. Can anyone believe that a government that mistreats it's people has honest and equitable intentions? If this government was for the people, there would not be poor people with hunger, people without possible hope of food, sickness without hope of medicine, tired and sleepy people without a place to lay one's head, despised and comfortless. Because to be poor is to be subject to crime and the living HELL!!

These conditions that exist are why I ask my people to stop practicing dogmatism ways, for this is exactly what we are trying to change! We as the masses should be required to treat all people with their due respect, and to honor their customs no matter how strange they may seem to be! We seem to be on a purely cultural TRIP...It is time we move from this culture level and onto the real struggle. Pride in one's own people is good and nothing good can be bad. But the seed was and has been planted and ignited but this was just a form to incite the masses into collective effort to bring about the changes needed for the people!

MULTI-NATIONALISM is what our call should be, loud and clear and as endless as the stars!

DE UN SOLDADO DE LA CAUSA!  
JESUS (CHUY) FLORES  
TEHACHAPI, CALIFORNIA

QUE VIVA MURRIETA!  
QUE VIVA CHE!

# NATIONAL LIBERATION AND

## THEFT FROM THE ARMY

40 incidents involving thefts of military arms, ammunition and explosives were recorded during a 5-month period last year, according to figures released by the Dept. of Defense (which is an underestimate if anything). The list includes machine guns, pistols and thousands of rounds of ammunition.

The cases ranged from one in St. Louis, Illinois involving 74 grenade housing assemblies that disappeared from a box car, to one at Concord, N.H., involving a stick of 40% gelatin dynamite.

The report also revealed the loss of 441 M14 rifles. A Pentagon spokesman said the loss of the 441 rifles was discovered at the Anniston Army Depot in Alabama when 37 containers arrived empty. Seals on the containers were intact and boxes in the containers were banded, but the rifles were missing.

2000 rounds of ammunition marked for delivery to Iran were stolen from Wilmington, North Carolina.

5000 rounds of ammo were stolen from a rail car bound for West Point, New York. Three 81mm. mortar shells were stolen from another railroad shipment from Kentucky to Wisconsin.

## JOKERS BEAT NARCS

RHEA, TEXAS--The Zinzer brothers, three brothers famous for their practical jokes, such as spreading women's underclothes and empty wine bottles over the preacher's lawn, chose the wrong people to hassle recently.

The Zinzer brothers took two long-haired youths passing through the town to an old abandoned barn. They forcibly shaved the youths heads, and then let them go.

The two were undercover narcotics officers for the Texas Dept. of Public Safety. The Zinzer brothers are hiding out in Hereford, a nearby city, while agents are searching for them, warrants in hand.



## N.G. ARMORIES ROBBED

A series of burglaries of National Guard armories in the Boston, Mass. area netted thieves at least 27 .45 caliber automatic pistols and an undetermined amount of ammunition during the week of January 8.

The 27 automatic pistols and the ammunition were taken from the Newton National Guard armory, where the burglars cut through a steel grill and broke a window to gain entry.

A Newton police sgt. said the possibility of the burglary being done by militant radicals "was the first thing on our minds."

At about the same time, burglars broke into National Guard armories in Boston, Framingham and Brighton. Nothing was reported taken in those three breaks.

## SHOCKLEY DUMPED

The American Physical Society, an organization of scientists, voted tentatively to disavow any support for Stanford Prof. William Shockley, who believes Black and Brown people are inferior to white people and should be sterilized, "in the promulgation of his race theories."



## 6 POLICE KILLED

On January 24, 2 S.F. policemen were ambushed and shot by a man who jumped out of a car with a .22 caliber rifle.

Officer Code Beverly underwent surgery 3 times before he died on Jan. 28 from bullet wounds in the abdomen. The other pig was reported in "fair condition", with a bullet wound in the hip.

In New York City, two police were shot and killed on Jan. 27. The two had been Marine Corps buddies in Vietnam, and came back to fight against the people at home. Sgt. Reddy called them "two of the best we had--young, aggressive..." The people who killed these aggressors also took their service revolvers.

Three police were also shot and killed in an ambush in North Ireland on Jan. 27. Hidden gunmen shot 17 shots into a police car carrying 5 officers that was on its way to the station.

## ARMY DRUG REHAB. FARCE

"We've been getting the shaft for quite a while and we're fed up," said one of the Vietnam Veteran demonstrators at Travis Air Force Base. For the second time in a month, returning vets demonstrated against the Army's drug rehabilitation program at Travis. This time 42 soldiers in the hospital facility barricaded the stairwell to their ward for several hours, demanding that their complaints be heard.

"They throw you in a cage and take all your property, just like some kind of animal," veterans went on to explain.

Any GI who the army labels as a heroin addict is held 30 to 60 days past his discharge date WITH NO PAY, more or less a prisoner in an army hospital. Protesting veterans claim that many of the GI's swept into the program are not addicts at all and that the urine tests, given by the Army, are completely unreliable. Some of the men at Travis turned clear water in for a urine specimen to the Army doctors, and were still labeled "drug addicts".

## WORST U.S. DEFICIT

The U.S. suffered its worst trade deficit in history last year, the government announced. The trade imbalance--the difference between what the nation imported and exported--was \$2.05 billion. It's the first U.S. deficit since 1888.

## BIG BROTHER MACHINE

A Big Brother machine costing \$402,000 is going into operation in S.F. The machine is basically a huge storehouse of data, linking into several systems of local, regional, state and federal jurisdiction.

The machine will tell in seconds whether a person is wanted for any crime; whether a car is stolen or belongs to a "known criminal" (what's a known criminal?); and whether a piece of property is stolen.



## CARLOS FELICIANO TO STAND TRIAL

At the end of January, Carlos Feliciano, a Puerto Rican nationalist, will stand trial for arson and attempted arson. He was originally accused of 34 bombings.

The government and the District Attorneys have tried to link Carlos to a New York Puerto Rican terrorist group, and to Cuba. All the charges are lies.

His real "crime" is his love for the people and his fight for Puerto Rican independence.

For over 20 years, Carlos Feliciano has been in the Puerto Rican Nationalist Party. He was active in the massive draft resistance in the 1940's in Puerto Rico, and was sent to prison in 1950 for 5 years for participating in a Puerto Rican independence uprising.

Carlos lives with his wife and six children in New York City. He is a skilled cabinet-maker and union man. He has a second job as well, in order to support his family.

The attempt to railroad Carlos is an effort by the government to intimidate the Puerto Rican community. Puerto Ricans have begun to fight against the poverty and sweatshop conditions they live with. Health care, slum housing, lack of decent jobs are just a few problems that Puerto Ricans are fighting.

The independence movement in Puerto Rico is gathering steam. On Sept. 12, 100,000 independence supporters in the capital took to the streets, shouting "yankee go home!" Large demonstrations of workers are taking place to protest Nixon's anti-labor program and the exemption of Puerto Ricans from the minimum wage, something that money-hungry yankees exploit.

This show of force by the Puerto Rican people is scaring Washington, Wall Street and their lackeys in the governor's mansion in San Juan, capital of Puerto Rico.

Instead of dealing with the problems of Puerto Rico, the government is forced to turn to harassment and intimidation, such as Carlos is facing. The Puerto Rican movement could knock the American empire down.

# INTERNATIONAL REVOLUTION



## IRELAND EXPLODES

Ireland has been occupied by British armies for the past 800 years. In the Northern six counties it is illegal to demonstrate, speak or write against the Crown or it's local leadership. But the Irish people are in the final phases of their liberation struggle and they have no respect for these laws. On January 30, 15,000 demonstrators gathered in Londonderry for a march to protest the internment of Irish liberation fighters.

The British Army announced that they would stop this peaceful march by any means necessary. When the march was stopped by an army barricade, the march diverted to another area. Just as Bernadette Devlin--revolutionary member of British Parliament--began to speak, British soldiers opened fire, murdering 13 peaceful demonstrators. The British claimed they were merely returning fire, but the Irish Republican Army had cleared all civilian guns from the route of the march, and as one observer said, "I could see the Army systematically picking off people who got up to run away."

The next day furious crowds surged through the streets of Londonderry, battling occupying British troops and erecting barricades. British troops encountered heavy gunfire. The city was rocked by gun blasts, and paralyzed by a general strike called by the Irish Republican Army. Sympathy strikes flared in the Republic of Ireland, and crowds tried 3 times to burn the British Embassy in Dublin, capital of the Republic of Ireland.

In Parliament, radical Bernadette Devlin, the only member of Parliament actually at the demonstration, attacked British Home Secretary Reginald Maudling and punched him several times in the face, shouting that he was a "murdering hypocrite", after she was refused the right to speak several times during a brief debate on the shootings.

## ARGENTINA

Members of the People's Revolutionary Army escaped with up to 800,000 dollars from the state-owned National Development Bank in the biggest bank robbery in Argentina's history.

None of the bank employees was injured, and when the bank director had a heart attack one of the guerrillas, a doctor, gave him emergency first aid.

## UNION OF S. AFRICA

4 people were killed as 100 Ovambo tribesmen armed with bows and knives attacked a police patrol. The incident followed a 5-week strike by 13,000 Ovambos that crippled important segments of the South African economy.

## BELFAST

In Belfast's dock area two men armed with submachineguns set off a bomb in the offices of Mobil Oil Co. that caused extensive damage but no casualties.

## BILBOA, SPAIN

Guerillas released a kidnapped Spanish industrialist after his company agreed to demands that 183 dismissed workers be rehired.

## MADRID, SPAIN

The worst violence in Spain for three years erupted at Madrid's university as police ejected 2000 students from the biology building. The disturbances started 3 weeks ago after 4000 medical students were dismissed for participating in a boycott of classes.



## RHODESIA (ZIMBABWE)

Several Black people were murdered by Rhodesian Police during rioting touched off by a settlement of the boycott of Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) by Britain, its former ruler. The settlement would keep the white supremacist, racist Ian Smith government in power. The boycott started when the government, representing 240,000 whites in this land populated by five million Blacks, declared independence from Britain.

In the UN, China called for condemnation of the US and Britain for aiding the white supremacist government.

## MEXICO

About 500 peasant families in Veracruz, Mexico, have begun the occupation of more than 18,000 acres belonging to William Hearst. Mexican President Luis Echeverria recently signed a decree expropriating the land from Hearst, who has for 40 years seized large tracts of Mexico's land, violating its laws.

China News Service

## G.I. LETTER 'FOUND'

2 years ago, Sgt. John Sexton was taken prisoner by the Vietnamese. Within a week, he wrote to his family.

The Army held the letter for 2 years, and then released it only when the Vietnamese suddenly released Sexton. How many other letters does the government withhold from POW families to keep them dancing to its tune?



## GUINEA(BISSAN)

The patriotic armed forces and people of Guinea (Bissau) killed 213 Portuguese colonial troops and wounded many others last December in their attacks on the enemy, according to a military communique issued by the African Independence Party.

China News Service

## CAIRO, EGYPT

The Egyptian government recently banned public demonstrations as a result of rioting by thousands of students protesting the arrest of hundreds of students demanding an immediate war with Israel. Up to 1500 students were arrested as rioting broke out following a rally of 12,000 to 15,000 students in Cairo's Main Square.

## MONTREAL, CANADA

Guards at the Bordeaux jail in Montreal seized control of the jail on Sunday, Jan.30th and locked their 20 superiors (the warden and the other managers) in the cafeteria. The seizure is intended to demonstrate to the Quebec Government their willingness to fight as hard as necessary to get a decent wage. At present these workers are engaged in a contract dispute with the provincial gov't.

A spokesman for the guards said "everything is running as usual" since they took charge at 9:45AM. The routine for the prisoners was continuing on schedule, but the doors to the institution were locked to all but prisoners' visitors.

The spokesman also said the guards intend to run the maximum-security jail until Quebec Justice Minister Jerome Choquette comes to discuss their contract complaints. It's clear to these workers, as it is to many others, that most of our bosses and 'managers' are really useless parasites who produce nothing yet get all the rewards. So if this "strike" is not settled soon the warden and some of the other bosses may find themselves out looking for other jobs when the taxpayers realize how useless they really are.

## VIETNAM

The US Army is allowing prostitutes on military bases according to army spokesmen. Officers support the move, despite huge security risks and the possibility of drugs being smuggled in, as a way to keep peace within the increasingly disgruntled soldiers.

## ISTANBUL, TURKEY

In Istanbul, Turkey, more than 80,000 troops and police called an all-day curfew to conduct a massive house-to-house search for urban guerillas. The city, which has a population of 3 million, was completely immobilized, with nobody on the streets.

# Oregon Prisoner Killed Through Neglect

IN BEHALF OF WILLIAM LEE GRAY AND ALL OTHER OREGON STATE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTE PRISONERS

William Lee Gray, a 20 year old black prisoner at Oregon State Correctional Institute was found guilty of assault in Eugene, Oregon, and sentenced to 3 years. Born into Amerikan slavery, William is now free; he died Nov. 7, 1971 at 1:25 PM.

William had served 8 months of his sentence. The authorities, the governor, the warden, and other racists would like us to believe that some spontaneous, unexplainable, rare and biological fluke occurred in his brain, that "never happened before in the Salem penitentiary."

William, upon entering OSCI, reported to officials that he had been beaten on the head and that his head hurt. During his 8 months at OSCI, he complained constantly of headaches and was given aspirin. He lost weight and could not participate in sports which he loved. He complained again and again and was threatened with the hole if he didn't shut up about it.

On the morning of Nov. 7, William began complaining loudly that his headache was killing him--so loudly that they said he was creating "a ruckus" and moved him to the infirmary. He was given Darvon by a medical technician (a guard) and slept until 7 AM when he started convulsing. The doctor was again called and he had them administer thorazine and decided it was time to send him to the hospital. He arrived at 10:30 and was dead, freed at 1:25.

A preliminary autopsy was performed and he was cremated. His grandfather's permission for the cremation was ob-

tained through extortion. The warden of OSCI offered his grandfather, who makes \$24 a week as a janitor, the option of having William cremated or spending \$1500 to ship his body to Cincinnati, Ohio.

We cannot allow this malicious and racist neglect to go unnoticed or let them cover it up. We are asking for donations to the William Gray Defense Committee, P.O. Box 5311, Eugene, Oregon. His grandfather must be here to investigate, a lawyer hired to sue, a Congressional Investigation demanded and the authorities should be made responsible for their actions.. and the authorities should be made responsible for their actions.

WE DEMAND AN END TO THE INHUMANE MEDICAL CONDITIONS THAT ARE ENDURED BY EVERY PRISONER AND THAT SURROUNDED THE DEATH OF WILLIAM LEE GRAY.

1. We demand decent and adequate medical care in the Oregon Correctional Institute.
2. We demand an investigation into the circumstances of the death of William Lee Gray conducted by a committee of his peers.
3. We demand that prisoners be allowed to see the doctor or specialist of their choice and that expenses be paid for by the prison.
4. We demand a doctor on duty 24 hours a day.
5. We demand an end to the practice of indiscriminately forcing medication on prisoners.
6. We demand that a people's medical cadre be in force at the Oregon State Correctional Institution. We want the prisoners to have full access to medical staff from the community at any time.

## Struggle At Quentin

Following the murder of George Jackson and the reign of terror following it in San Quentin's Adjustment Center, 6 inmates were indicted by the Marin County Grand Jury. At that time 3 guards and 2 other inmates were killed. The 6 who were indicted on counts of murder, conspiracy and attempted escape are known as the SAN QUENTIN 6. They are Hugo Pinell, Fleeta Drumgo, Dave Johnson, Johnny Larry Spain, Luis Talamantez and Willie Tate. All have been harrassed in the past for their strong political beliefs.

The San Quentin 6 have consistently demanded that the court appoint them lawyers that they choose, who the court would pay for. They are now chained to unsympathetic court-appointed attorneys.

On Jan. 24, the 6 were in court again. They greeted the audience with "Power to the people", and Dave Johnson read a statement about the recent Hunger Strike in the Adjustment Center, saying that the strike had ended but the struggle hadn't.

The demands were food (served hot, in sanitary conditions, and of better quality), more exercise time and access to recreational equipment, freedom of religion (access to literature), visiting and mailing rights (longer visits without shackles and chains, cease withholding mail, and allow all publications accepted by the Post Office into the prison, immediate and adequate medical care, the same rights as other prisoners, access to educational materials relating to the life style and culture of Black and Brown people, as well as to correspondence courses. The brothers were repeatedly teargassed during the strike.

The court proceedings began with a preemptory challenge to remove Judge E. Warren Maguire by Luis Talamantez. Maguire tried to run right over Luis, who told him, "You're not going to start acting crazy this morning." "No, I'm not," said the judge (but he did). None of the lawyers would join in the challenge, so the judge merely lodged it.

Larry Spain made a motion to disqualify the Judge for cause. The other brothers joined in this, as well as all the court-appointed lawyers. The challenge was made because Judge Maguire had denied a writ filed by Spain without reading it.

The writ dealt with Spain's claim that Koolpe, his court-appointed lawyer, is an agent of the state. Koolpe had submitted a declaration, under penalty of perjury, stating that he did say, "I am, as we all are, part of the conspiracy against you" or something to that effect. Koolpe claims he was joking, but the brothers who are facing the gas chamber don't consider it a laughing matter.

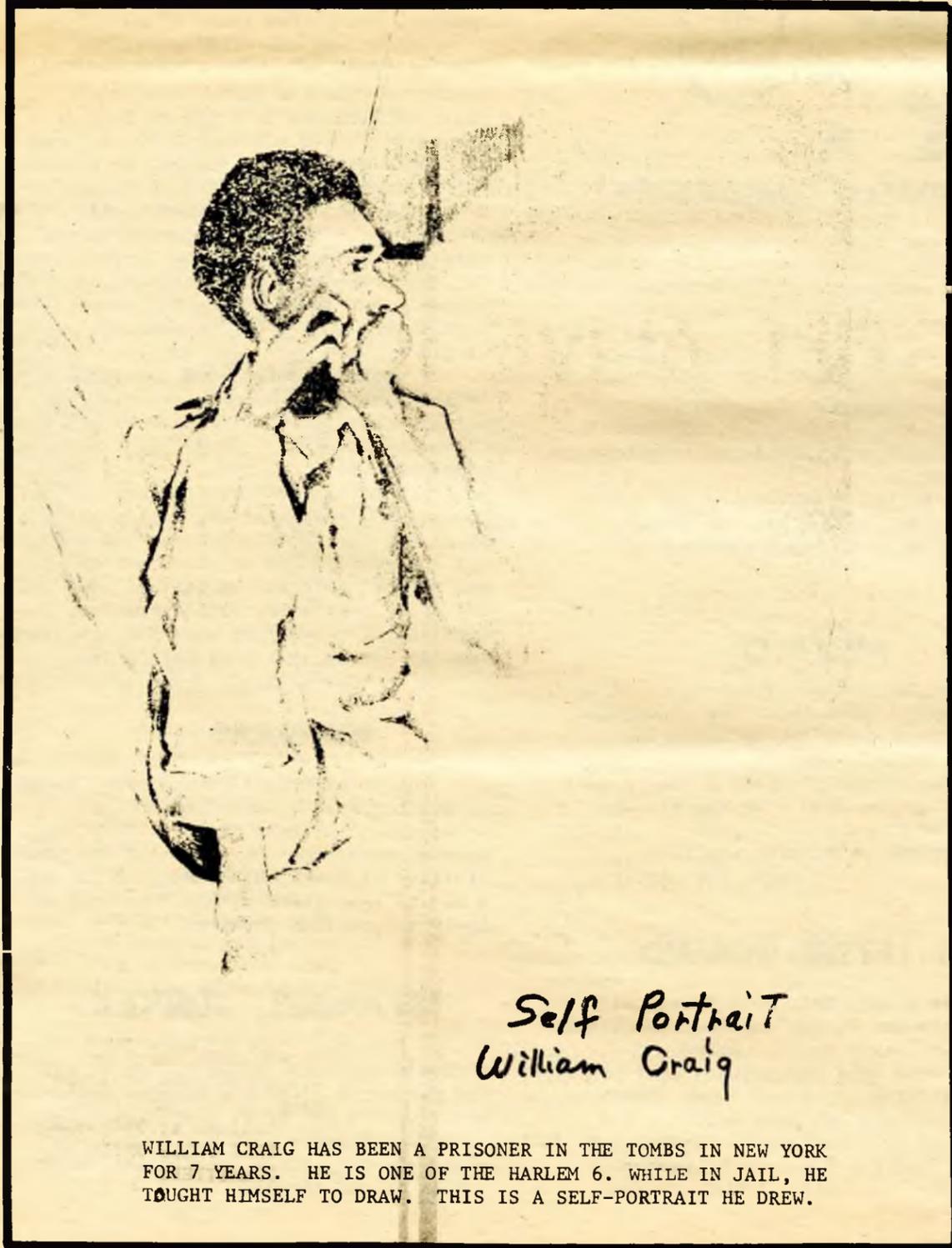
The judge didn't feel that Koolpe's comments warranted the lawyer's removal from the case. He refused to even grant a hearing about it.

Another grounds for challenging the judge is that he is racially prejudiced. He refused to appoint Black or Brown lawyers, or any lawyer requested by the Black or Brown defendants.

Bruce Bales, the DA, said Spain's document didn't have any facts in it: "It's what I'd expect coming from Spain or any of them." But the judge, trying to look fair, agreed that there were facts presented and accepted the challenge.

Now Judge Maguire must attempt to justify his actions and another judge will hear testimony and rule on the disqualification of Maguire. All other proceedings must be suspended until the issue is settled.

FREE THE SAN QUENTIN SIX!



Self Portrait  
William Craig

WILLIAM CRAIG HAS BEEN A PRISONER IN THE TOMBS IN NEW YORK FOR 7 YEARS. HE IS ONE OF THE HARLEM 6. WHILE IN JAIL, HE THOUGHT HIMSELF TO DRAW. THIS IS A SELF-PORTRAIT HE DREW.

# GI Movements in Asia

Dear Friends,

There's no typewriter in this cold, damp, gray town at the farthest northern tip of Japan's largest island, so I hope you can read my writing. I was really warmed by the last issue of your paper that arrived here recently--the issue for December 3-16--and devoured it eagerly. It was so wonderful to discover so much fine activity and work on the mid-Peninsula. It is particularly gratifying for me since I grew up in Palo Alto, graduated from Palo Alto High and left ten and a half years ago. In those days radicals were few and far between, lonely, isolated and discouraged. As I said, I moved away, so I am very impressed by your work and the work of the people whose activities you report in your paper--work in middle class America, building a new community right in the midst of the decaying and corrupt institutions, experimenting, learning, organizing, supporting one another. That kind of work and dedication is what makes the most sense in the United States and is most impressive to us over here. Please keep the paper coming!

My colleagues and I are very excited about our work here. Barbara Dudley spent a month in Vietnam representing black GI's in Blacks United. She reports that blacks are really organized there, really radical and committed. Also the drug problem in Vietnam is very clearly much more serious than the public is led to believe and is being used to control and destroy people who have become radicalized by the war. The combination of politics and dope has virtually destroyed the army which accounts for the low casualty figures, withdrawal of troops, and stepped up bombing and aerial warfare.

The work at Subic Bay and Clark Air Force Base in the Phillipines is going extremely well. Subic is a critical stop off point for Seventh Fleet ships bound

to end from "the line" (Vietnam). A growing movement there, together with the SOS Movement on the carriers could put the Navy out of business as the Army has already been neutralized. Clark, on the other hand, is the primary base from which the US helps the Marcos government detect and put down guerilla activities in the Phillipines. It is probably one of the most important Air Force bases in Asia.

In Japan I work mostly at Iwakuni Marine Air Base, Misawa, Yakota, and Yokosuka. There are many other bases scattered over a 2,500 mile area, but those are the largest. Iwakuni is the base for Marine air squadrons that stand ready to bomb any country in Asia and were previously stationed in Danang. It is also the site of the most radical and sustained GI movement in Asia and probably anywhere. A fine paper, SEMPER FI, has come out regularly even though after each issue all of its editors get discharged, busted, or shipped out. Blacks are very together and, with militant whites, are now trying to get black congressmen to the base to confront the brass. Also GI's played a major role in exposing the presence of nuclear weapons on the base, only 20 miles from Hiroshima, contrary to public assertions of both the US and Japan. Those public assertions were the major reason why Premier Sato is now forced to resign to be replaced by a leader who will be less submissive to the US military interests. Many of the GI leaders on Iwakuni are sergeants who are responsible for the maintenance work and consequently the planes are always unprepared and far behind in their training schedules.

Misawa is a communications base for all services which coordinates spy work by the military on China and North Korea. People here are now beginning a newspaper, turning in their security clearances and planning other activities. Leaders are reassigned and shipped out

at the drop of a hat, but for the moment we have a large on-going group. They work out of the Owl, a coffeeshop/bar run by Japanese radicals who left the comfortable and more exciting southern cities to come here and work with GI's, high school students, and farmers who are fighting a huge industrial development plan.

Yakota is the terminal, an Air Force Base, through which all the personnel and supplies flow for the military in Asia. It is a liberal base, difficult to organize, but critical to the operations in Asia. I have a case coming up there involving the discharge of a doctor in which extensive illegal wire-tapping was used. We hope to get much publicity and support on that.

Yokosuka is the home port for the Seventh Fleet. Since an incident involving the Midway last September in which I represented six guys, and, following SOS, a carrier has not come to Japan. There are few places they can dock and give their crews liberty, and we have shut off most of them, which means those ships must be pressure cookers by now! If they do come in here, the Japanese peace movement is ready for them.

The most exciting part of work in Japan is the collective living and working involving GI's, organizers, and our Japanese brothers and sisters. The latter are the bulwark of the GI movement here--beautiful, committed. Imagine how we would feel about occupying soldiers in our country! Here the GI movement and US imperialism is a focus for efforts to fight Japanese militarism and rearming, a fight which must be won if we do not want US imperialism to be bolstered and succeeded by Japanese imperialism. The stakes are the success of all Asian liberation struggles.

So--in America, in Asia, everywhere the struggles are linked. We will succeed.

E. A. Seitz

## Struggle Continues

# CORAL SEA STILL ALIVE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This letter is to inform you of a recent "happening" aboard the Coral Sea.

On January 4th a reporter and photographer from the New York Times came aboard our ship. His job, it seems, was to get a story about the present bombings in North Vietnam and Laos. He got more than he bargained for on this trip.

While he was taking a tour of the ship with his escorts, two officers, several of our brothers approached him, asking him if he would like to rap with "The Resistance". Not only was the reporter surprised, but the officers with him didn't know which way to turn! (They knew they were in hot water--it was their job to keep the reporter out of contact with just such people as us.) The reporter, seeing a good story, said he would meet us on the fan-tail of the ship at 11:00 A.M. the next day.

That night we rounded up other brothers who were also against the Vietnam War and informed them what was coming down the next day.

At 11:00 A.M. on the 4th of January, about one hundred brothers were on the fan-tail waiting to see the New York Times reporter. Several brothers wore headbands made out of a handy American flag, and others wore T-shirts with Peace symbols and S.O.S. P.O.W. signs written on them. When the reporter was late, ship's pigs

and lifers preceeded to bust 5 brothers who had on some of the more decorative clothes. This act only brought us more "together" than ever before.

While waiting for the reporter, we passed time singing anti-war songs, which really blew the lifer's minds! At 12:00 the reporter and his photographer finally showed. By the way, two of the ship's photographers were taking pictures of all us brothers who "dared" to participate in this gathering. No doubt, for future action they plan to take against us.

We rapped about many things, the War in Nam, our mission in it, and our attitudes about being here. We also discussed our bombings on Christmas Day, when there was supposed to be a truce going on.

Haircut hassles, freedom of speech and living conditions were also discussed. The reporter seemed very interested. He said he had been receiving a "snow job" ever since he had set foot on the Coral Sea. After an hour he had to leave. We thanked him and asked him to tell his fellow correspondents about his experiences, which he said he would. It can do nothing but help.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE  
J.H. Dinsman  
USS Coral Sea

## BILLY SMITH DEFENSE SEEKS WITNESSES

Billy Smith is a black GI being framed for fragging two officers in Vietnam. He is now being held in solitary confinement in the Fort Ord stockade.

PAMOJA VENCEREMOS is trying to assist Billy's lawyers in locating defense witnesses. We are looking for Vietnam veterans or active-duty GI's who witnessed or participated in war crimes and atrocities against the Vietnamese people, or who know about or witnessed acts of fragging.

Call us at 964-5884.  
FREE BILLY SMITH  
COMMITTEE



# P A Times Editorial

If not to limit defense,  
then what?

Dear Sirs,

I'm an inmate of a prison and I was reading in your paper that if you are a prisoner you can receive it free. Well, I would like to receive it. It has a lot of interesting headlines in it.

I think that it states facts about what the cops really do.

Thank you,

(NAME WITHHELD)  
Shelton, Washington

Comrades...

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

Presently I am in prison with several life sentences. Therefore, I am consequently unable to afford a subscription to your newspaper so I am asking to be given a free subscription. I can dig what I have read of your paper so far, but that has only been about two or three editions.

LONG LIVE THE REVOLUTION

(name withheld)  
Walla Walla, Washington

Brothers and Sisters:

I just want to share with you a little song that people where I work have found useful.

What with our bosses making us pay for their incompetence, we need every tool we can find to fight back. Songs help build solidarity and get the meaning across better than a lot of talking.

We call it the Slow it Down Round:  
(to the tune of Row, row, row your boat)

Slow, slow, slow it down  
Slowly as you go  
Slower now, slower now, slower now,  
slower now,  
Slower than before.

Pass it around and sing it in round  
and bring the fucker down!

PAMOJA VENCEREMOS FREEDOM

TOGETHER WE WILL WIN FREEDOM

(Name withheld)

Comrades:

I have read your newspaper and could dig reading more. I am in Shelton Prison and could dig it if you could send me your paper regularly.

Thanks,

(NAME WITHHELD)  
Shelton, Washington

Dear Pamoja Venceremos,

"Recently the Deputy Secretary, the #2 man in the Pentagon, has run the Defense Department on a day-to-day basis. Mr. Packard concentrated on overseeing and reforming the multi-billion dollar procurement system..." reported the Wall St. Journal Jan. 24, 1972, page 11, in an article announcing a former president of Union Carbide Corporation will fill Ex-Deputy Secretary Packard's boots in the Pentagon.

Last month, reports the Journal, Packard was running the Pentagon; this week he's running Hewlett-Packard, as that corporation's chairman.

In between the two he slid over \$2.6 million to Stanford University, to keep Stanford running just the way he'd like it. He's a trustee there too.

Watch for fat Defense Department contracts to Hewlett-Packard or Stanford, or both, in the future.

The big ruling class pigs don't even bother to be subtle.

Are we to believe that money coming from Packard at the same time with Bruce Franklin's firing is an accident? Coincidence? Bullshit!

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

Dear Pamoja Venceremos,

Living in Amerika is very hard. Not only do we take shit from the pigs in school, on the job and on the streets, but we constantly fight among ourselves: men and women, blacks and whites, students and workers. All our lives we are taught to be "individuals", to compete, to fight for the crumbs the Man throws us.

We all know we must change this society. We must seize control of our own lives, and the only way we can do that is to get together with all our brothers and sisters.

At the same time we struggle to change the world around us, we also have to deal with the pig inside us - the reasons why we fight among ourselves, our selfishness, etc. We can do this by looking at ourselves objectively and figuring out what our good points and bad points are, and using our strengths to overcome our weaknesses.

From childhood we are taught that criticism is something we have to defend ourselves against. This is bullshit - we should take any criticisms anybody makes of us and look at them and try to see whether there is any truth in them. If there is, we should correct our faults. What we are trying to do is get ourselves together, not to convince everybody that we are perfect.

Pamoja Venceremos

Together we will win

"If there is to be revolution, there must be a revolutionary party," Mao Tse-tung has said. "Without a revolutionary party, built on the Marxist-Leninist revolutionary theory and in the Marxist-Leninist revolutionary style, it is impossible to lead the working class and the broad masses of the people in defeating imperialism and its running dogs."

The revolutionary party in the Palo Alto area currently calls itself Venceremos. It has just won its biggest victory yet by persuading five out of nine members of the Palo Alto City Council to order a legal study of ways to regulate industry in the city "with respect to the tangible and intangible effects on the community."

It is clear not only from the Venceremos requests but from the context of Councilwoman Enid Pearson's explanation of her proposal that the aim of this study is to control defense work - to limit, hamper and halt it.

Several council members who backed the study noted that making it does not commit the council to action. But what other reason than a desire to act could there be for making the study?

"If we have a correct theory but merely orate about it, pigeonhole it and do not put it into practice," Mao advises, "then that theory, however good, is of no significance."

Mao has told us also, "Whoever sides with the revolutionary people is a revolutionary." He adds that those who so side "in words only" but act otherwise are mere revolutionaries in speech.

As a practical matter, the study is a long jump from having any effect on

the war in Indochina. (Mrs. Pearson cited the opposition of a majority of Palo Alto voters to the war, registered last spring, as justification for the study.) City Atty. Peter Stone estimates it would take four to six months and cost \$3,000, which seems low for looking into the imposing list of factors that he reeled off. Even if some controls could then be instituted, it would take a long time for much effect to be felt.

In an earlier editorial we stated our belief that an attempt by municipal government to regulate industry, beyond the use of traditional health and safety powers, which provide the basis for zoning, was improper on the face of it. Such regulation would impinge upon federal powers, require a small army of bureaucrats to administer and involve the city in thought control and extensive management policing.

Bruce Franklin, a Venceremos leader, said the other day:

"The ideas being taught here in the classrooms of Stanford University are dinosaur ideas being swept off the face of the earth."

Among those dinosaur ideas we presume he includes the dignity and worth of the individual, respect for others' persons and rights, constitutional government, a representative system, separation of powers, liberty under law, the freedom to engage in private enterprise under equally applied and minimal regulations, and the necessity of defending our government of the people against enemies foreign and domestic.

If so, count us among the dinosaurs. We should think the people and the City Council of Palo Alto would want to be counted there too.

"To be attacked by the enemy is a good thing, not a bad thing." -- Mao

Thank you, Palo Alto Times.



# WELFARE MOTHERS

A lot of welfare laws are changing these days, but the only ones the people on the welfare rolls hear about are the ones that hurt them. Pamoja Venceremos newspaper will be running regular articles on how to use welfare for the people's benefit.

What happens to a pregnant woman on welfare? Janice, a friend of mine on welfare, got pregnant a couple of years back, but wasn't married or living with the child's father. She was grilled by the District Attorney's office for several hours until she revealed everything she knew about her former boyfriend, his financial situation, as well as their sex life together. Then she was forced to sign a "Failure to Provide Report" for the D.A.'s office, which authorizes them to hunt down and prosecute the "defendant", her old man. When they catch up with him he will either have to pay the welfare department a lot of money or go to jail.

Another friend of mine, Lorraine, had two children when her husband split. In order to get welfare she was forced to give a lot of information about her missing old man. Not wanting to get him in trouble with the law, she made up a

fictitious name, background, and location for the D.A. But the welfare department always gets their man. Three months later they came up with a man perfectly fitting the description she had given, and almost ended up prosecuting this stranger for failure to provide.

Within the last year there have been two court decisions in the Supreme Court of Northern California which have invalidated this law. An individual welfare recipient is by law no longer required to sign any papers or talk with the District Attorney about who the father of a child is. Most welfare mothers, however, are not informed of this right. Most are told that they have to cooperate with the DA's office or be thrown off welfare. If your welfare worker is pressuring you to snitch on your old man (or ex-old man), call your local Legal Aid Society, and they will provide solid advice and take your case to court if necessary. For free.

One word of warning: Though you don't have to deal with the District Attorney's office, you will be required to fill out a questionnaire for the Welfare Depart-

ment, which is about as intimidating and nose-y. You must name the father (or possible fathers), how you met? how often did you date? when you first had sex? how often you had sex after that? if you ever spent time in a motel or hotel together? what he said when you told him you were pregnant? did he offer money or suggest abortion? who else you had sex with and when? does the child resemble the father?

Another court reversal: In the past, if you and your child(ren) were on welfare and you remarried, you were all taken off welfare. The new California law states that a new step-father is not responsible for providing for the children you already had before you married. These children are still eligible for welfare and medical benefits even after you marry and you yourself are off the welfare rolls. So check it out, sisters.

FOR HELP OR INFORMATION CALL LEGAL AID

In Redwood City -- 365-8411  
In San Jose -- 298-1315  
In East Palo Alto -- 324-1386

By Carrie Sapir  
Mt. View Venceremos

## Reagan's Righteous Riddle

If you receive \$80 per month from Welfare under General Assistance, and Reagan makes you work 40 hours per week under the "Welfare Reform Bill", how much is Reagan paying you per hour for doing shitwork?

160 HRS. PER MONTH FOR \$80 MONTHLY IS 2 HOURS PER DOLLAR, = 50¢ AN HOUR, WHICH IS WELFARE SLAVERY. (courtesy Calif. Welfare Dept.)

## WELFARE SNOOPS GIVEN POLICE STATUS

Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors promoted 12 welfare fraud investigators to the status of policemen. The only difference will be that these investigators won't be allowed to carry guns-- YET.

Welfare snoops will now be able to use all police techniques, equipment and communications, as well as be tied in with the nation's crime information system through the Criminal Identification and Investigation Department in Sacramento.

At a meeting Tuesday night, the 25th of January, welfare recipients and social workers protested the move. "Making the fraud men peace officers is totally out of proportion to the problem," said Mrs. Esther Rodriguez, president of the Santa Clara County Welfare Rights Organization. "Such a move oppresses and punishes the poor for our poverty."

REMEMBER: You are only required to give your name, address and age to any police officer or welfare snoop. And don't let him in your house without a warrant!

# VENDIDO EN SOUTH CITY SOLTADO

El lunes 24 de enero en una junta de la comunidad, el director temporal Louis Moreill del Centro de Información de South San Francisco (un programa del gobierno) fue desmascarado por gente de la comunidad como un vendido tío taco. Fue provado esa noche que el llamo a los agentes de la inmigración para que vayan a una casa donde vivía una familia Chicana que tenía a unos familiares sin papeles. Cuando los agentes atacaron en la madrugada le quebraron el brazo a uno de nuestro hermanos.

Durante la junta del lunes, Moreill mismo se descubrió cuando dijo que "Yo sigo las leyes de los Estados Unidos." Se debe considerarse afortunado que no fue atacado físicamente como mucha de la gente querían hacerlo esa noche.

Todo esto empesó cuando una mujer fue al Centro de Información buscando una casa buena pero no muy cara, porque apenas había llegado a South City después de estar afuera dos años, parece que ella quería rentar la casa en donde vivía antes (la casa donde fue la migra). En vez de hacer su verdadero trabajo de servir a la gente pobre de South City, en peleando por casas baratas, el les llama a la migra, enemigos de la gente.

Pero nosotros no estamos asombrados

con estas reacciones, porque desde el tiempo que llegó el centro a nuestra comunidad (ya son tres años) nada ha cambiado. Al contrario, las condiciones están peor.

Esto ha pasado porque cada uno de los directores pasados no vivían en o podían comprender los problemas y necesidades de la gente pobre, Chicanos, y trabajadores en la comunidad a quien ellos deben servir. Hasta que el poder de emplear y controlar las actividades del centro sea quitada del

grupo pequeño que no tienen necesidades y sea puesto en manos de la gente que usarán y necesitan el centro, nada cambiará.

Hasta ahorita el tío taco Moreill nomas es director temporal, pero tiene las esperanzas de asegurar la posición permanente, que será elegido en poco tiempo. Debemos ver que sus sueños no se realicen, y ver que una persona que verdaderamente comprenda nuestras necesidades y que pelea por nosotros.



# PEOPLE'S DOC

This column has jumped from hepatitis to tuberculosis to vaginitis, and more. We've been pretty consistent, however, with our politics, if not our medicine. We've shown in each case how the class system of capitalism and imperialism makes it impossible for people to stay healthy and get the kind of attention and information they need.

This week we're going to talk about political medicine. What do we mean by political medicine? We mean the art of judging how medical knowledge and practice can be best put to use in a given stage of the people's revolution. It's something everyone should think about.

For instance, remember when we wrote about Norman Bethune, the Canadian M.D. who died in the Chinese revolution while serving as a most selfless medical surgeon and teacher. For him, revolutionary political medicine meant giving up a brilliant career and reputation as a North American Chest Surgeon and inventor. Joining the Spanish Civil War against fascism, Bethune saw that the central medical task then was to save the lives of the many loyalists who were bleeding to death on the battlefields, often from minor wounds.

Bethune refused to do any surgery in Spain, and organized many blood banks instead, enlisting the people to donate their blood. Thousands of lives were saved. Later, in China, where the revolutionaries were better organized under the communist party and had liberated base area and unified political command, Bethune saw that political medicine was a more difficult question.

He organized blood banks as in Spain, but made an even greater effort to help his Chinese comrades in developing their own skills of medicine. He taught thousands of people technical medical skills of all kinds, contributing to the spirit of self-reliance that Mao Tse-tung and the communist party were putting forward.

Mao says that without a people's army the people have nothing. Bethune's political medicine meant teaching the people this same basic spirit in the field of battle medicine: self-reliance.

Today, as in Bethune's time, there is no strong communist party in North America, no people's army or organized revolutionary movement. Instead of bleeding casualties on a battlefield, we see the general oppression of millions of our people. In the health area we see as the cause doctors' elitism and the absurd priorities of the rich ruling class. Drunk with self-delusion, the rich pour millions into medical research that is often of no use to anyone. When medical research solves practical problems the solutions are almost always too expensive for common people (artificial kidneys, for example). Meanwhile, our people are dying from poor or inadequate medical care.

The tendency then is to try to solve this tremendous problem: meet the medical needs of the community.

What we've learned at the People's Medical Center in Redwood City is that this cannot be done. We now have 3000 patients and more coming in every day as word spreads of our good practice.

The County hospital and health depts. see us as their right arm, and sometimes even refer patients to us for treatment. We've been falling down in that vital area of revolutionary medicine.

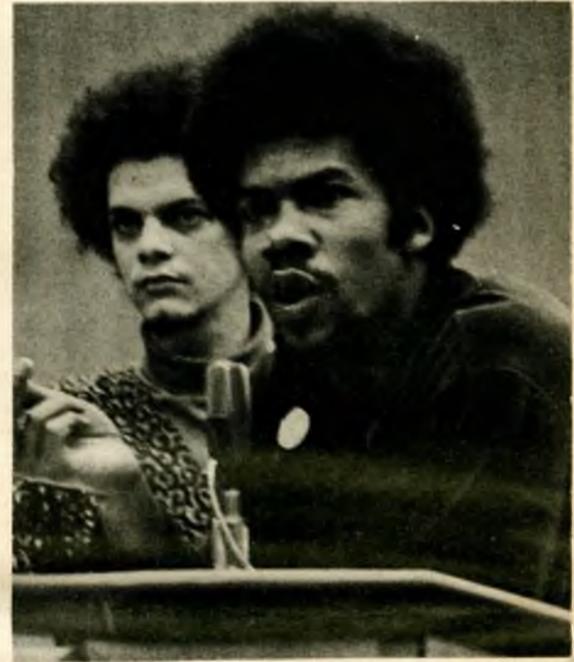
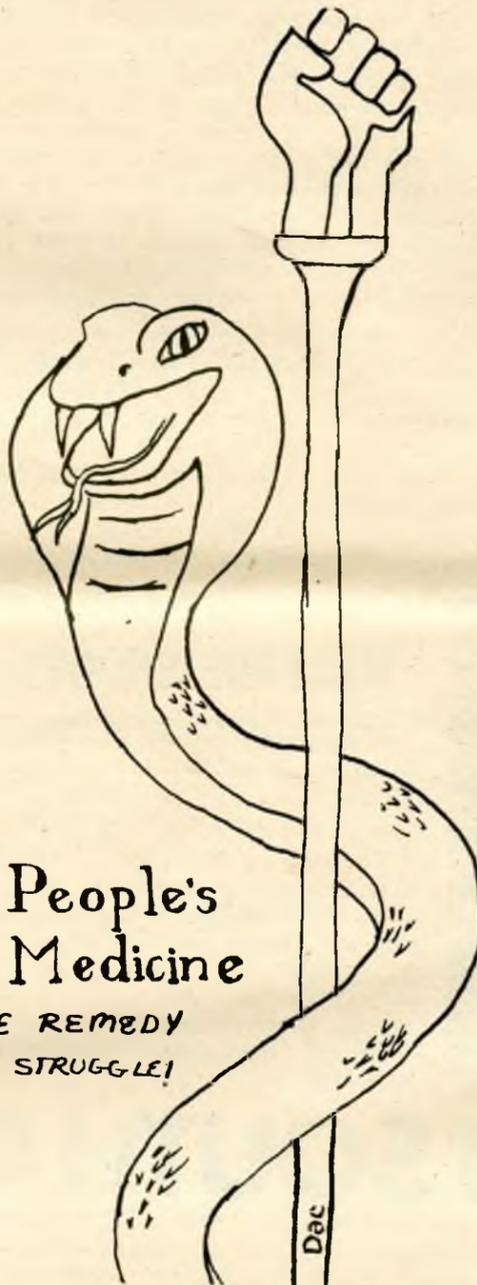
So we decided that "the remedy is struggle." Taking a lesson from Bethune and the Chinese we say that self-reliance and struggle are the basis of people's revolutionary attitudes, and that ultimately the tool of liberation is the gun. If medicine is to really meet people's needs then it must be used to generate power against the existing forms of class medicine (good medicine for the rich, bad medicine for the poor). The medicine must be used to teach people how to develop their own ways of dealing

with simple medical problems and of how to keep people on their feet when intense struggles are going on.

That means that PMC is going to have to change. We will have to teach more preventative medicine and basic health and simple techniques to the masses so that self-reliance can substitute for Medi-cal. We will have to purge ourselves of the notion that America isn't

a battlefield today. It is one. We must teach everyone associated with the revolutionary movement the basics of first aid treatment. Everyone should know simple first aid, and each Venceremos group should have one person responsible for medical welfare who knows first aid extensively and other aspects of medicine.

In future weeks we will provide more articles of specific medical knowledge. And we will also continue our series on political medicine with an article, "Away with all pests" about how the Chinese eliminated Venereal Disease through self-reliance.



Bob King of P.M.C. in East R.C.



Franklin of Stanford

## LIBERATE S.M.C.

On January 19, Bruce Franklin and Bob King (from PMC) spoke to a crowd of 60-75 Stanford Hospital workers and medical students at Stanford Medical Center.

Bruce laid out some of the reasons why Stanford fired him and how it's related to the struggles of Stanford workers and the surrounding communities. The concept that everyone dug was that we, the workers who make Stanford able to operate, should have control over its resources.

The results of our labor are controlled by the Board of Trustees at Stanford, and the trustees are involved in ripping off land, resources and labor all over the world. But the major trend in the world now is that resources and technology are being seized by the people to serve the people. We also rapped

about the racist and sexist hiring policies at Stanford and specific instances were brought up by workers.

Bob King spoke about the People's Medical Center in Redwood City. The center has become deeply rooted in the community through its programs of community medicine and preventative health care. Because of this, it has come under attack by state and county agencies, who are trying to close it down, because it didn't have proper tile on the floors or because they were suspected of hiring "illegal aliens".

When one woman asked if all the progressive workers and doctors couldn't just get together and start another PMC, Bob explained that alternate institutions like PMC were only a temporary solution, and that we had to continue struggling in places like Stanford Hospital in ord-

er to use its huge resources to serve the needs of all poor and working people.

For those of us who got together, it was the best lunch hour we've had since the Hospital sit-in. We were able to start to deal with the contradictions the administration tried to wedge between Third World workers and White workers and our tenseness about doing something the hospital administration didn't dig.

The hospital administrators locked the personnel office, fearful we might take it over; and had security guards and an administrator watching the meeting from a distance down the hall. A SMALL VICTORY BUT A VICTORY INDEED! ORGANIZE TO LIBERATE!

Tim Gadus  
Venceremos Med. Center worker

# WORKERS FIGHT FORD



Shortly after dawn on March 7, 1932 tens of thousands of unemployed Ford workers began assembling for a demonstration. They planned to march to the Ford Dearborne plant to present a plan for ending unemployment. 80,000 Ford workers had been laid off because of the depression and many were starving, though the papers said they were just too lazy to work.

As the marchers set off, they were excited over their numbers and spirit, and hopeful of some success. The Mayor had OK'd their demonstration. The marchers didn't expect trouble.

When they arrived at the plant they were met by hundreds of Ford's hired gangsters, hiding behind fences and buildings. One witness described what happened:

"Then came the bullets...Some ran screaming with blood flowing from wounds in the chest and shoulders. Others writhed on the ground staring at the bones of their shattered legs. The marchers fell back, but their incredible courage surged up. They picked up their wounded--they were almost sixty--these men and women who had never been wounded before. A machine gun inside the gates sent out another roar of death. But the workers did not run in panic. The Detroit police watched while 4 died and many more were wounded."

The Detroit Massacre was one of the bloodier events in a nearly 20 year long struggle to organize Ford Motor Company. Ford ruthlessly used every method of union busting, and the workers seemed to lose nearly every battle. But over the years they were picking up valuable experience. They were learning how to fight back against Henry Ford and the capitalist class.

Henry Ford, hero of school history books in America, used gangsters in defense against workers. Harry Bennett, head of Ford's "Service Department", arranged for gangsters to be released from prisons on parole so they could work at Ford. These goons, as the workers called them, had to do everything Bennett ordered or they would go back to jail.

Some goons worked openly, timing how long workers spent in the bathroom, checking lunch pails for union literature, even invading workers' homes to conduct searches. They beat up or assassinated militant workers.

Other goons worked underground, posing as workers and spying on worker activities. One of their favorite methods of repression was to select good workers and fire them for NO reason at all. The idea was to keep the workers frightened and off guard.

But, in the face of repression, workers learned to work in secret. They did most of their organizing off the job, and met in small groups. They became so good at passing out literature without being seen that they could get away with leafleting right under the goons' noses. They even set up an intelligence network that every day ripped off Ford's own intelligence reports from waste baskets. They knew what Ford knew about them and could plan accordingly.

Another of Ford's techniques was to divide Black and white workers. Unlike lilly white General Motors, Ford had a policy of hiring Blacks. He spread the word about the policy and thousands of blacks came from the south to find work at Ford--thousands more than there were jobs for. He set up a separate personnel office for blacks, run by a Super-Tom.

Ford even built a company town, Inkster, where mostly blacks lived. It was often their first home with a toilet. It seemed so good, until they began to realize their community was controlled by Ford in every respect, from the schools, to the stores, to the police.

It was like the strategic hamlets the U.S. military has built in Vietnam. After people moved in, Ford began keeping \$3 out of every \$4 earned, as payment for the construction and upkeep of the community.

He gave black people only the most dangerous and dirtiest jobs. The goons made a practice of telling the white workers, "Hey, speed up. You don't want them niggers putting out more work than you, do you?" Then they'd say the reverse to the blacks.

As bad as conditions were at Ford, they were still improvements for many Blacks and other poor people were so exploited that they didn't dare run the risk of losing their jobs. So they didn't participate in many of the early worker struggles at Ford, and the racism of many white workers, which the goons encouraged, worked against race solidarity.

The Black workers finally began to see how Ford was using them. If Ford was such a "friend of the Black", why did they only get the worst jobs and why weren't they secure in those jobs? More and more Blacks became militants. And more and more white workers were forced to recognize the dedication and skill of the Black militants. Both races began to recognize that they could off Ford only if they worked together.

Ford used many other tactics to keep control. Some workers were bought off with parties, women, and money. Worker unity was shattered by constant red-baiting of the most effective organizers, many of whom were in fact communists. The miserable conditions on the job--intense speed ups, dangerous conditions that killed and maimed workers--kept workers exhausted and without spirit.

But in 1941 it all backfired. Ford workers, using what they had learned over the years, rose up against their oppression and carried off one of the most brilliant strikes in American history. The spirit of the people moved them ahead of their own leaders. Workers today can learn a lot from how the Ford workers got it on in 1941.

Those events will be discussed in the next issue.

Ned Harper  
Palo Alto Venceremos



By Jeffrey Freed, Venceremos

"If we have shortcomings, we are not afraid to have them pointed out and criticized, because we serve the people. Anyone, no matter who, may point out our shortcomings. If he is right, we will correct them. If what he proposes will benefit the people, we will act upon it it..."

Mao Tse Tung SERVE THE PEOPLE, 1944

In issue No. 18 of PAMOJA VENCEREMOS, I wrote an article titled "Resist Reactionary Attacks on Working Class" that attempted to analyze the causes of the wage freeze, and pointed out that the freeze was a fascist attack on the working class. A number of comrades in our organization and in other groups have raised criticisms of the article, and after going back and looking over what I wrote and studying the situation further their criticisms are absolutely correct.

The basic criticism is that the article does not deal with the reason fascism is developing in the United States. This is a fundamental error. Fascism is developing not because some small group of people want it to happen, but because fascism is the only means remaining to solve the problems of United States imperialism. The main problem being the contradiction or conflict between U.S. imperialism and the peoples of Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Latin America, and North America-Europe (particularly Northern Ireland, Quebec, and the Puerto Rican, Black and Mexican nations held in bondage by the so-called "United States") which have been brutally conquered, violently oppressed, and mercilessly exploited. As U.S. imperialism has attempted to expand its control and increase the exploitation, the peoples of the world have fought back, and over the years their struggles have grown in numbers and scored important victories in winning national liberation, and in some establishing socialist states.

As the people of the world have scored victories and risen in new struggles against colonialism, imperialism, and neo-colonialism (this is when a nation is supposedly "independent" but is actually a colony) the areas that U.S. imperialism is able to exploit has decreased. Under these conditions U.S. imperialism moved to smash these struggles as in China, the Korean War, and most recently in Vietnam and all of Indochina. In some places these acts by U.S. imperialism were defeated outright, and in others U.S. imperialism scored temporary gains. But on the whole, even where U.S. imperialism did manage to smash national liberation and revolutionary movements, these movements have again risen, coming back even stronger than they were before. The struggle of the Vietnamese people is an example for all revolutionary people.

The Vietnamese people, led by their Communist Party, defeated the French colonialists in 1954 after many years of bitter fighting. However, immediately U.S. imperialism which backed the French, stepped in and cut short the Vietnamese victory. The Vietnamese people answered this challenge by continuing the fight, handing U.S. imperialism one defeat right after another. But further than this the Vietnamese comrades have allied themselves with the peoples of Laos and Cambodia to throw U.S. imperialism out of all Indochina. In their struggles the Vietnamese and other Indochinese peoples have taken the lead in the international revolutionary movement, have thrown U.S. imperialism back on its heels and served as a shining example for revolutionary people everywhere. It is the struggle of the Vietnamese and other Indochinese peoples in particular, and the increase in national liberation and revolutionary struggles throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Middle East and North America-Europe that is forcing U.S. imperialism to seek other means of keeping profits coming in. And since imperialist profits come from brutal exploitation and oppression of workers, peasants and propertyless people everywhere, to keep

these profits rolling in, U.S. imperialism must use more terror and violence.

From all this it must be clear that fascism is not a choice for U.S. imperialism, it is a necessity. Imperialism needs fascism when it is forced to give up exploiting its colonies, or when it is unable to solve its problems by finding new territories and countries to oppress and exploit.

The full meaning of what fascism is, and a way of pointing out some of the other errors in my original article, can best be done by going over the quote I used from Georgi Dimitroff's UNITED FRONT AGAINST FASCISM, which is:

"Fascism is a most ferocious attack by capital on the toiling masses; "Fascism is unbridled chauvinism and annexationist war; "Fascism is rabid reaction and counter-revolution; "Fascism is the most vicious enemy of the working class and of all toilers!"

1) "Fascism is a most ferocious attack by capital on the toiling masses..." In my original article the stress was placed on the main fascist attack being against the U.S. working class. This was incorrect. U.S. imperialism and fascism is attempting to throw the burden of a declining empire on the most oppressed and exploited sections of the working class everywhere. Under present conditions this means that workers and peasants in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East are being forced to work the hardest, are paying the highest prices and are suffering the greatest unemployment. For this country the main victims are Black, Brown, Asian and Puerto Rican workers. Among Black workers unemployment is already over 30%, with wages frozen at poverty levels while prices in the ghettos and barrios on food, clothing, housing, and medical care continue to climb. The most oppressed and exploited peoples of the world are the main victims of U.S. fascism.

2) "Fascism is unbridled chauvinism and annexationist war..." Chauvinism is the ideology of imperialism and fascism that puts forward the ideas that other peoples are inferior or worthless. When imperialism moves to fascism all sorts of chauvinist ideas are put out. National chauvinism is when the people of an imperialist nation are taught to hate or show no concern for the peoples of oppressed and exploited nations. A good example of this is the situation in Indochina where the U.S. is committing genocide through mass saturation bombing and the American people are led to believe that the war is ending because troops are being withdrawn. U.S. fascism creates the idea that it is fine to keep killing Indochinese if "we" don't suffer. This also shows up in white chauvinism where white working people are led to fear and hate Black, Brown, Asian and Puerto Rican people around issues such as school busing, a so-called "rising crime rate", welfare which is really slavery, and many other things.

Both national and white chauvinism lay the basis for new imperialist wars, and new fascist attacks on Third World peoples. It allows all forms of terror to be used against Black, Mexican, Asian and Puerto Ricans; it allows U.S. imperialism to arm Zionism against the Palestinian and Arab peoples; it allows genocide in Indochina; generally it allows imperialism to go unchecked by the working, poor, oppressed and exploited peoples in the fascist heartland.

3) "Fascism is rabid reaction and counter-revolution..." While my original article mentioned fascist-like attacks in the United States, it did not go far enough. Reaction and counter-revolution not only take place nationally, but internationally. It is not surprising under these conditions to find U.S. imperialism intensifying its aggression in Indochina, and fully backing fascist dictatorships in the rest of the world. It is not surprising that U.S. imperialism supplies

weapons to Zionism and Arab reaction; and it is not surprising to see U.S. imperialism provide arms for all sides on the Indian subcontinent. But we must be on guard that the greatest acts of terror are yet to come. Already U.S. imperialism is laying plans of counter-revolution to be used against the People's Republic of China, which is the main supporter and counselor for world revolution. Nixon's forthcoming trip, like Hitler's past with the Soviet Union before World War II, is only the calm before the attack. Our Chinese comrades understand this and so should we.

Here the current acts of murder and terror used against Third World peoples are signs of what is to come. The forces of U.S. fascism are arming. Police forces are being turned into occupation forces, special counter-revolutionary forces are being trained in the U.S. military, with every act of resistance, every uprising subject to every bit of violence the ruling class can muster. U.S. imperialism knows that the American people will not stand silent in the face of new wars so it is preparing the violent means to keep things quiet.

4) "Fascism is the most vicious enemy of the working class and of all toilers..." My original article was incorrect in pinpointing the trade union movement as the main target of the wage freeze. Fascism, of which the wage freeze was one attack, hits at all working and propertyless people, but in the main those who are poor, unemployed, unskilled and unorganized; these are for the most part Black, Brown, Asian and Puerto Rican peoples along with the lowest strata of the white working class. These are the victims of fascism's fury and destitution; forced to work longer and harder, poor wages, pushed on to unemployment or into welfare slavery, and with no where to turn for decent schooling, housing, medical care, peace or justice.

U.S. imperialism must adopt fascism to resolve its contradictions with the peoples of the world. This means that the people of the world, and particularly the American people, can only resolve their contradictions with U.S. imperialism and fascism through revolution. On this basis the conclusions in my previous article calling for a united front against fascism was incorrect. Although a united front is needed, there are other things that must come first.

We must take to heart the lessons of our Chinese, Vietnamese, Indochinese and revolutionary comrades around the world. Imperialism and fascism must be fought in a "tit-for-tat" struggle. Every attack on the people must be answered through mobilization, political agitation and demonstration, armed self-defense, and other revolutionary action. And in the final analysis it will only be through revolutionary warfare that fascism will be defeated. But in order to conduct this struggle the masses need a revolutionary organization; they need a genuine Communist Party, a party that is multi-national, is integrated with the people, bases itself on the international revolutionary ideology of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse Tung Thought, and is unafraid of organizing resistance and revolutionary violence against the imperialist and fascist state. Toward this end every revolutionary; every revolutionary collective; every revolutionary organization that is genuine in fighting fascism and making revolution must begin to draw together, establish close working ties, and lay the base for the formation of such an organization.

In addition it is a practical necessity to resist the consolidation of fascism by educating, mobilizing and taking action in full support of the liberation struggles against U.S. and other big power imperialism, while at the same time resisting and opposing every fascist attack both here and abroad.

DEATH TO THE FASCISTS!  
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# MMI WORKERS WIN SKIRMISH

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On Jan. 20, Micro-Magnetic Industries, Inc., of Palo Alto bowed to a solid workers' united front and returned to a full-time, full-pay work week. MMI is one of the largest producers of coin- and bill-changing machines in the country.

MMI had cut production workers to a 30-hour week at the beginning of January in an attempt to starve out workers who have been trying since September to get the company to recognize our union (United Auto Workers).

In announcing the cut at the annual Christmas meeting, President Jack Riddle made sure to paint us a detailed and dreary picture of the current state of the change-machine industry and MMI's situation in particular. He said that, because sales were not keeping up with production, the company was "experiencing an inventory imbalance." He said he would rather have "us all" share the burden than to keep some people on full-time at the expense of laying others off.

## Stockpile

Riddle has been preparing for the move for a good two months, speeding up production of validators to more than double. (A validator is a gadget that tells whether a dollar bill coming into the machine is valid.) Validators are the quick-sale, high-profit item, as opposed to the more expensive, slower-to-produce complete change machines. The company stockpiled finished goods and parts for more so that it could last through a work-stoppage, lay-off, or whatever else might happen.

## Justice Delayed

Meanwhile, the company dragged us through hearing after hearing with the National Labor Relations Board over who could vote in a union-recognition election. Finally, the NLRB closed the hearings in mid-December and was about to set an election date. Riddle was faced with an election he was sure to lose, and he wasn't about to stand for that. So he had his lawyer demand that the NLRB reopen the hearing. The NLRB complied, and that

meant another 2-month delay. And on the very same day, Riddle cut our pay, in effect, by 25%. His plan was to discourage and starve out the very people who need a union the most.

## Protective Reaction

Riddle claims that the company was just reacting to economic forces beyond its control. But the truth of the matter is that the "inventory imbalance" was deliberate. It was not a matter of sales falling behind production, but of production being pushed ahead of sales. Like Nixon's "protective reaction strikes," it was a blatant attack, and likewise, a failure.

It came down to: Who could last longer, the workers on short pay or the company on short production?

Many workers downright refused to quit before an election. On top of that, the very condition that usually works in the boss's favor--shortage of jobs--backfired this time. Those few people who did look for other jobs couldn't find anything worth taking. NOT ONE PERSON LEFT DUE TO THE CUTBACK IN HOURS.

And, probably more important, PRODUCTION SLOWED DOWN WAY MORE THAN MANAGEMENT EXPECTED, and the company couldn't meet minimum production requirements, even with supervisors doing production work and putting in extra hours.

The production manager even admitted, when he announced the return to a full schedule, that the business situation had not really changed. He "saw some signs" and "decided to stick his neck out for us." Yeah, right on.

We were determined to stand firm and use the power we have when we're united, and to fight back. And we won.

## Ruling Class Desperation

Workers all over the country are finding themselves under similar attacks from the ruling class. The people of Indo china are defeating the U.S. government's imperialist war there, and that's causing one hell of a dislocation in the war-based American economy. The corporate monopolies that dominate the economy and

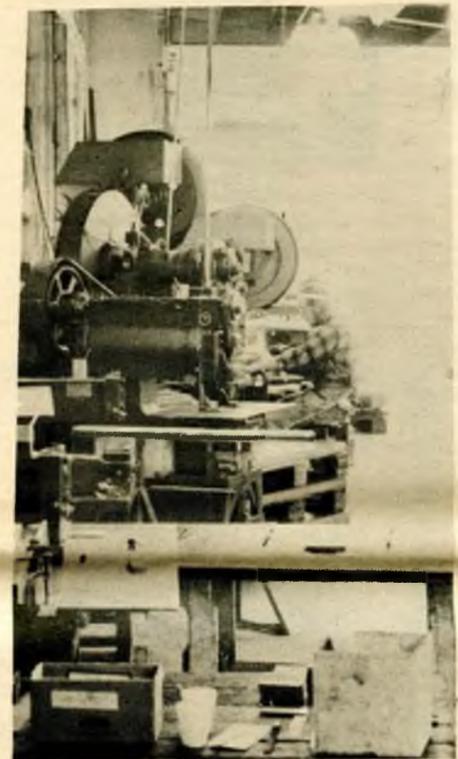
that backed that war are turning on their own working class in their desperation to stay on top of the crumbling heap. The Wage Freeze was part of that attack. They are determined to smash the organized section of the working class: the unions and those trying to organize. Phase II is an attempt to reduce the unions in the key sectors of the economy to empty shells by taking the bargaining power out of their hands.

What we are experiencing is not just the resistance of one company to its employees' just demands. And it is not just a temporary government policy to try to deal with some mysterious economic forces working on society.

It is not an isolated incident; it is part of a world-wide class struggle. It is the American ruling class's Do-It-To-It policy against the working class.

We are going to have to understand that we must attack and fight back in whatever ways we know, and then invent some more.

--Charlie Cox, Venceremos



# EL DOCTOR DEL PUEBLO

Recientemente nuestra columna médica ha sido de hepatitis a tuberculosis a vaginitis y más. Sin embargo hemos sido consistente con nuestra política si no con nuestra medicina. En cada caso enseñamos como el sistema de clases de capitalismo e imperialismo hacen más o menos imposible que la gente esté de buena salud y que obtengan la información y atención que necesitan. Esta semana vamos a hablar un poco de la medicina política.

Que SIGNIFICA "la medicina política" Queremos decir que el conocimiento médico y la práctica se deben usar lo mejor posible durante cualquier período de la revolución (de la gente). Es algo que todos deben de pensar muy bien. Por ejemplo, un mes pasado escribimos de Norman Bethune un doctor de Canada que murió en la revolución china. Era un maestro de medicina y cirujano respetuoso y generoso. Para Bethune, el dejar una carrera brillante y buena reputación de cirujano no valía tanto como servir de médico revolucionario y elevar la medicina política en la china. Al unirse en la guerra civil de España, Bethune descubrió que la importancia médica era de salvar las vidas de tantos que estaban muriendo honrados en los campos de batalla muchísimos veces de heridos de poca importancia.

Pero Bethune rehusó la cirugía en España y en lugar de eso organizó unos bancos de sangre, y alistó a una gente a que diera sangre. Con eso, miles de vidas fueron salvadas. Pero después en China al ver que el partido comunista estaba mejor organizado en la medicina se dio cuenta que la cuestión de medicina política sería una dificultad enorme.

Organizó bancos de sangre como había hecho en España, y hizo esfuerzo para ayudarles a sus camaradas chinos a desarrollar sus propios métodos médicos. Le enseñó a miles de personas métodos técnicos de medicina y contribuyó al espíritu de la gente que Mao Tse-tung y su partido comunista habían comenzado. El honrado Mao dice que sin ejército construido por y para la gente la nación no tiene nada. Nada de poder. La medicina política de Bethune significaba la enseñanza de la gente en este mismo espíritu básico que en el campo de batalla sería indispensable, o lo decir confianza en sí mismo. Hoy día como en los días de Bethune, no hay partido dominante comunista en Norte America ni hay ejército revolucionario tampoco. En vez de sangrados en los campos de batalla se notan la opresión de miles de nuestra gente. En la area de la salud se puede hechar la culpa a los médicos de la clase alta por solamente ayudar y consultar a gente de su propia clase. Artos con ilusiones mandan a miles de sus hijos a las escuelas de medicina para algun día no servirnos para nada. Cuando rebusca medica resuelve problemas practicos las soluciones para mejorar son tan caras para la gente, que no puedan pagar. Mientras tanto nuestra gente esta muriendo por descuidos medicos que son tan malas como tan inadecuadas. La tendencia entonces es el tratar de resolver este problema tremendo: Satisfacer los problemas medicos del vecindario. Lo que aprendimos en el Centro Medico de Redwood City es que es imposible hacer esto. Ahora hay 3.000 personas yendo al centro diario. Y eso es a cabo de nuestro comunicacion verbal.

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El hospital del condado y el departamento de salud nos ven como su poder derecho y algunas veces nos refieren pacientes para curarlos. Hemos estado disminuyendo en la area de medicina política (medicina revolucionaria). Por esa razon decidimos que "el remedio es la lucha". Tomando una lección del honrado Bethune y de los chinos, decimos que la confianza en sí mismo y la lucha son bases de las actitudes revolucionarias. y ultimamente el instrumento de la liberación es el rifle. Si la medicina va a satisfacer las necesidades de la gente entonces se necesita construir poder contra las formas de ayuda que existe hoy día: buena medicina para los ricos y mala para los pobres. La medicina se tendrá que usar para enseñarle a la gente su propio metodo de luchar y curarse facilmente cuando hay gran batallas contra las policias fascistas. Eso quiere decir que el Centro Medico del Pueblo tendrá que cambiar. Tendremos que enseñarle al Pueblo metodos sencillos para que se puedan curar solos sin la ayuda de Medi-Cal. Tendremos que comprender que Norte America no es campo de batalla. Ciertamente sí es. Tendremos que enseñarle a todo revolucionario los puntos básicos de la medicina, y todos los grupos de Venceremos tendrán una persona responsable de esta necesidad. En el futuro escribiremos mas información sobre la medicina revolucionaria y continuaremos con articulos sobre el China. Se tratará del metodo que usaron para eliminar enfermedades venereales.

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# VENCEREMOS PROGRAM

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### Power To The People (Dictatorship of the Proletariat)

We stand for government by the poor and working people. The revolution and the new socialist society will be led by the proletariat, the most oppressed people--Blacks, Chicanos, Puerto Ricans, Native Americans, Asian-Americans, poor whites, people on the street, all those who must either sell their labor to live, live off unemployment or welfare, or end up in jail or the army.

The proletariat must lead the rest of the working class and all other people oppressed by U.S. imperialism to overthrow the rich, who now own and control all the institutions of the so-called United States of America, and seize these institutions for the people.

Only the dictatorship of the proletariat and its allies can fully satisfy our five basic demands, but we will work to achieve each and every one of them through the day to day struggles of the people:

#### 1. DECENT FOOD, CLOTHING, HOUSING, WORK, FREE MEDICAL CARE, AND GOOD EDUCATION FOR EVERY PERSON IN THE U.S. AND THROUGHOUT ALL THE WORLD.

As the wealthiest country in the world, the U.S. has the resources and capability right now to provide a decent standard of living for all its citizens. The rip-off of the world must end and be replaced by true international solidarity based on restitution of the people's stolen property. Everybody has a right to decent, safe, meaningful work. We will not tolerate a medical system based on profit. We demand an education which exposes the lies and oppression created by this corrupt system, teaches the true heroic history of the oppressed people, and allows each person to develop their full potential.

#### 2. EQUAL ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN. AN END TO ALL FORMS OF SEXUAL OPPRESSION.

We demand equal pay for equal work, free 24-hour-a-day child care centers, free and non-discriminatory education that teaches our true history and the skills we need to determine our own destinies, control of our own bodies, including birth control and free abortion if desired but excluding involuntary abortion and compulsory sterilization (genocide).

There must be an end to discrimination within industry, educational institutions, the home, the mass media, and in everyday social life. All forms of sexual oppression must end, including all laws governing sexual practice among consenting people.

#### 3. PEOPLE'S JUSTICE. AN END TO THE TYRANNY BY THE RICH MINORITY OVER THE OPPRESSED MAJORITY OF COLOR AND POOR AND WORKING WHITE PEOPLE.

We believe that trial by a jury of peers means that all trials must be held in the immediate community, and judges and juries be people who live in the community directly.

We want direct community control of police, meaning all police live in the community they patrol and be chosen by the community itself.

We want the mass of people to bear arms, and the police, as servants of the people, not be allowed to bear arms.

We want all Third World, working class people, and youth now imprisoned, to be set free because the overwhelming majority of them have not been tried by their peers. They have received only INjustice from this system. Free All Political Prisoners.

The people must smash all the forms of developing fascism, including the gestapo tactical squads, no-knock and conspiracy laws, wire-taps, injunctions, grand juries, Red squads, state and federal anti-subversive committees, and the various brands and varieties of secret police.

#### 4. AN END TO THE DRAFT AND AN END TO A PROFESSIONAL STANDING MILITARY IN THE U.S.

No one should be forced to fight in the military

service to defend a racist government that does not protect us. We will not kill other poor and oppressed peoples who, like us, are the victims of U.S. imperialism.

We support the just struggles of American servicemen who are struggling within the military against the oppressor.

To assure freedom and justice in the U.S. and the rest of the world, the revolution must abolish the standing army in the U.S. and create a People's Liberation Army that serves the people.

#### 5. SELF-DETERMINATION FOR ALL OPPRESSED NATIONS AND PEOPLES.

Within the U.S., the Black people, Chicano people, Puerto Ricans, Native Americans, and the people of Hawaii each constitutes an oppressed nation. As such, each of these peoples has the right to self-determination. This includes the right to form a separate nation-state, if they so desire, and to have any and all kinds of self-government that nation-states are entitled to. If any of these peoples chooses to secede from the U.S. empire, we will support their secessionist struggle by all necessary means and with our lives.

There are other oppressed minority peoples--including Chinese-Americans, Japanese-Americans, Latinos, Eskimos, Filipinos, etc. -- who have the right to control their own communities and are entitled to regional autonomy and full democratic rights. We pledge to support their struggles by all necessary means and with our lives.

### Todo Poder Al Pueblo (La Dictadura Del Proletariado)

Insistimos en un gobierno de los pobres y de los obreros. La revolución y la nueva sociedad socialista serán conducidas por el proletariado, los más oprimidos--los Negros, Chicanos, Puertorriqueños, Americanos nativos, Americanos-Asiáticos, blancos pobres, los que viven en la calle, todos aquellos que o están obligados a vender su trabajo para ganarse la vida, o se mantienen del seguro o la asistencia social, o terminan en la cárcel o en el ejército.

El proletariado tiene que conducir al resto de la clase obrera y a todo el pueblo oprimido por el imperialismo yanqui para derrocar a los ricos, quienes en la actualidad son los dueños y controlan todas las instituciones de los llamados EE. UU.A., y tomar estas instituciones para el pueblo.

La dictadura del proletariado y sus aliados es el único camino para satisfacer las siguientes cinco reivindicaciones básicas; sin embargo trabajaremos para realizar estas reivindicaciones a través de las luchas cotidianas del pueblo:

#### 1. ALIMENTOS, ROPA, VIVIENDA, TRABAJO, ASISTENCIA MEDICA GRATUITA, Y UNA BUENA EDUCACION PARA TODA PERSONA EN LOS EE. UU. A. Y POR TODO EL MUNDO.

Siendo el país más rico del mundo los EE.UU.A. tienen los recursos y la capacidad---en este momento---de proveer a todos sus ciudadanos un nivel de vida decente. El pillaje del mundo tiene que acabarse y sustituirse por una solidaridad verdaderamente internacional basada en la restitución al pueblo de todo aquello que le ha sido robado. Todo el mundo tiene derecho a un trabajo decente, seguro y de sentido. No toleraremos servicios médicos que se basan en la ganancia. Pedimos una educación que revele las mentiras y la opresión creadas por este sistema corrupto, una enseñanza que proporcione la verdadera e heroica historia de los pueblos oprimidos y que permita a cada uno desarrollar toda su humanidad.

#### 2. IGUALDAD ECONOMICA, POLITICA Y SOCIAL PARA LA MUJER. FIN A TODAS LAS FORMAS DE OPRESION SEXUAL.

Exigimos un salario igual para todo trabajo igual; centros gratuitos que cuiden, inclusive 24 horas al día, de los niños; una educación gratuita y no-discriminatoria que nos enseñe nuestra verdadera historia y las especialidades que necesitamos para determinar nuestros propios

destinos; el control de nuestros cuerpos, incluyendo el control de la natalidad y el aborto gratuito si lo deseamos, pero excluyendo el aborto involuntario y la esterilización forzosa (genocidio).

Hay que poner fin a la discriminación dentro de la industria, las instituciones educacionales, el hogar, los medios de comunicación y en la vida social cotidiana. Todas las formas de opresión sexual han de acabar, inclusive todas las leyes que se relacionan con la práctica sexual entre personas de común acuerdo.

#### 3. JUSTICIA POPULAR. FIN A LA TIRANIA DE LA MINORIA ADINERADA CONTRA LA MAYORIA OPRIMIDA DE COLOR Y LOS POBRES Y OBREROS BLANCOS.

Creemos que el concepto de proceso con un jurado de iguales quiere decir que todo proceso ha de realizarse en la comunidad inmediata del acusado y que los jueces y el jurado han de ser personas que viven directamente en la comunidad.

Queremos el control popular directo de la policía, es decir todo policía debiera de vivir en la comunidad que patrulla y debiera de ser escogido por esa misma comunidad.

Queremos que las masas del pueblo posean armas y que a la policía, como servidores del pueblo, no le sea permitido llevar armas.

Queremos que se ponga en libertad a toda persona del Tercer Mundo, de la clase obrera y de la juventud que hoy se encuentra encarcelado porque la gran mayoría de estos presos jamás han sido procesados y los pocos que sí lo han sido no han sido juzgados por sus iguales. Sólo han recibido injusticias de este sistema. Libertad para todos los prisioneros políticos.

El pueblo tiene que aplastar todas las formas del fascismo en desarrollo, incluyendo las escuadras tácticas tipo Gestapo, las leyes que permiten el registro sin aviso y las leyes "contra la conspiración," todo espionaje electrónico, las prohibiciones generales, los grandes jurados de acusación, las Escuadras Rojas anti-comunistas, los comités estatales y federales contra la "subversión," y todos los tipos y especies de policía secreta.

#### 4. FIN A LA CONSCRIPCION MILITAR, FIN AL EJERCITO PROFESIONAL EN LOS EE.UU.A

Nadie debiera de ser forzado a luchar en el ejército para defender un gobierno racista que no nos protege. Jamás asesinaremos a otros pueblos pobres y oprimidos quienes, como nosotros, son las víctimas del imperialismo yanqui.

Apoyamos las luchas justas de los soldados estadounidenses que luchan dentro del aparato militar contra el opresor.

Para asegurar la libertad y la justicia en los EE.UU.A y en el resto del mundo la revolución ha de abolir el ejército de los EE.UU.A. y crear un Ejército de Liberación del Pueblo que servirá al pueblo.

#### 5. LA LIBRE-DETERMINACION PARA TODAS LAS NACIONES Y PARA LOS PUEBLOS OPRIMIDOS.

Dentro de los EE.UU.A. el pueblo Negro, el pueblo Chicano, los Puertorriqueños, los Americanos nativos y el pueblo de Hawaii en sí constituyen naciones oprimidas. Como tal cada uno de estos pueblos tiene el derecho a la libre-determinación. Esto incluye el derecho a formar una nación aparte, si así lo desean, y de establecer cualquier y todo tipo de auto-gobierno. Si cualquier de estos pueblos escoge separarse del imperio EE. UU.A. nosotros apoyaremos su lucha separatista con todos los medios a nuestro alcance y con nuestras vidas.

Hay otros pueblos minoritarios oprimidos---los Americanos de procedencia China y Japonesa, los Latinos, los Esquimales, los Filipinos, etc--- que tienen el derecho a controlar sus propias comunidades y que merecen una autonomía regional y plenos derechos democráticos. Afirmando que apoyaremos las luchas de estos pueblos con todos los medios necesarios y con nuestras vidas.

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# Chevy Speedup Fought

In Lordstown, Ohio, production on the world's fastest assembly line is being seriously disrupted by workers who say they're being asked to work too hard and too fast to be able to turn out quality cars.

Management has accused workers of sabotage, such as breaking windshields, breaking off rear-view mirrors, slashing upholstery, bending signal levers, putting washers in carburetors and breaking off ignition keys.

Imperialism has to invest money abroad to keep its superprofits invested, but it can't allow foreign competition within its own country, so it puts a 10% tax on imports.

The union concedes that there may've been some sabotage, but says that the bulk of the problems were a result of cutbacks in numbers of workers in a drive by management to increase efficiency and cut costs; in other words a speed-up.

The dispute is taking place in one of the most modern and sophisticated assembly plants, where workers on the assembly line have easier access to the car body and do not have to do as much bending and

crawling in and out from under the cars as in the older plants in Detroit.

The wages are good as far as U.S. wages go: \$4.37 an hour starting with 10¢ an hour increases within 30 days and another 10¢ after 90 days.

The plant produces all the Vegas made by GM, and has 7700 workers, of whom the average age is 24. They are hired from areas where unemployment and layoffs are heavy.

Many of the young workers' fathers are employed in steel or rubber and have lost their jobs. Maybe it's because they have seen their fathers work long and hard and then get shunted off like worn-out mules that the young workers are showing more resistance to the alienating conditions of U.S. industry.

The struggle began in October, when a new management "team" took over the Fisher body plant and Chevrolet assembly plant and began to consolidate the operations.

Garv Bryner, 29-year old president of Local 1112, said that about 700 jobs had been eliminated and that much of the extra work had been shifted to men and women who had no time to do it. "That's

the fastest line in the world", he said. "You've got about 40 seconds to do a job. You add one more thing and it can kill you."

Mr. Bryner, on whose desk sit a peace symbol and a little book of "Revolutionary Quotations by Great Americans," said that the decision by workers to work at their old pace to protest the speed-up had come from the rank and file and not from union leadership.

"These guys have become tigers," he said, "They've got guts. You used not to see them at union meetings." But now they are in the cafeteria singing 'Solidarity Forever'.

Management has attempted conciliation and has instituted "sensitivity sessions."

It needs to compete with foreign competitors, but can't afford to pay its workers enough to live on, so it has a wage freeze.

It needs more products, but fires more workers, creating unemployment and speed-ups.

The labor dispute in Ohio raises the wider issue of how management can deal with a young worker who is determined to have a say as to how a job should be performed and is not easily moved by threats that there are plenty of people waiting in line for a job if he doesn't want it.

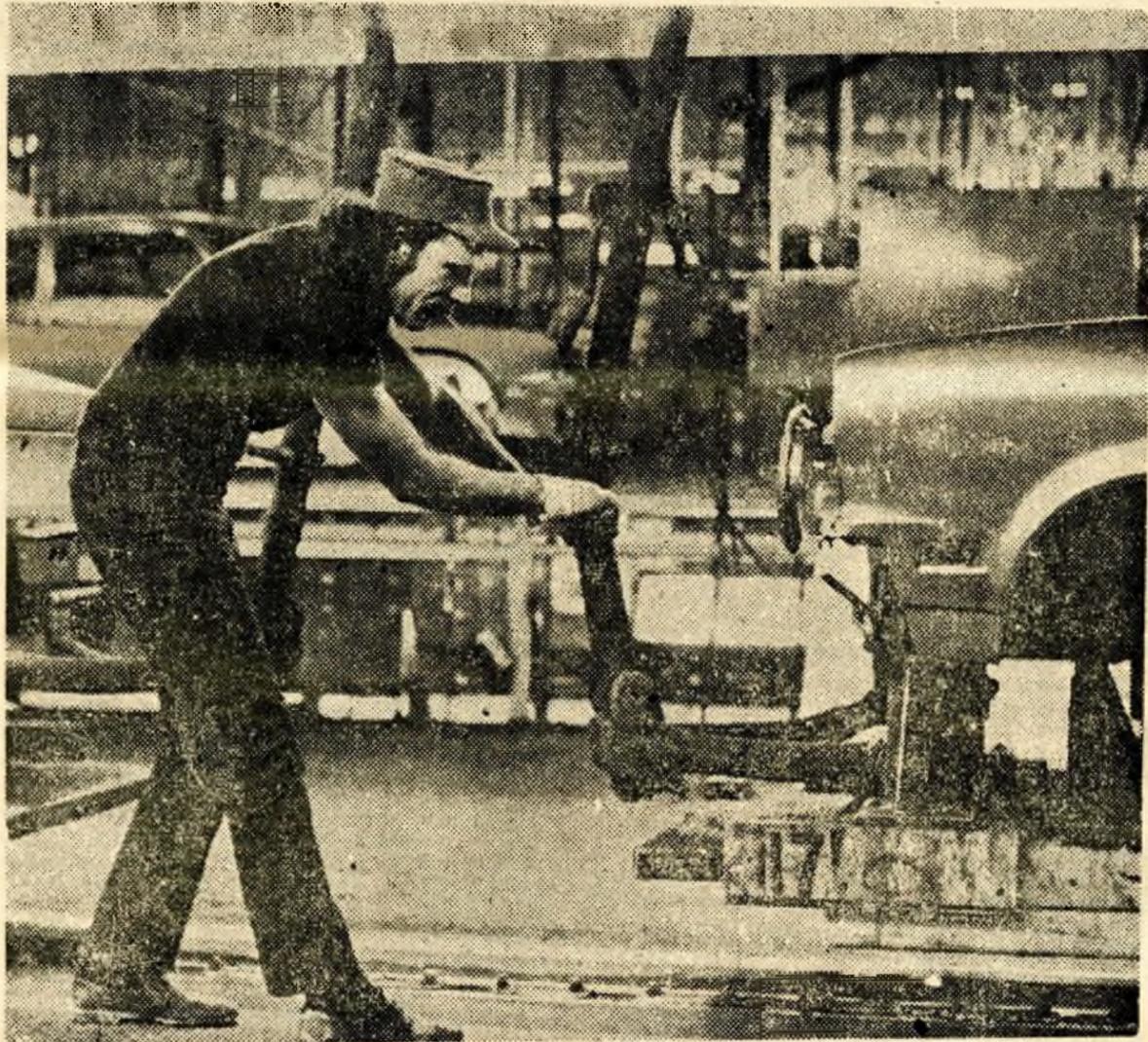
G.M. estimates that it has lost the production of 12,000 Vega automobiles and about 4000 Chevrolet trucks worth about \$45 million. Management has had to close down the assembly line repeatedly in the last month after workers slowed down their work and allowed cars to move by on the line without performing all the operations. A plant manager said, "We've had engine blocks pass 40 men without them doing their work."

In the last 4 weeks, a lot that holds 2000 cars has often been filled up with Vegas that had to be taken back into the plant for repairs before they could be shipped to dealers. Sales of Vegas in the last 2 weeks have been cut in half. But the over-all management strategy so far has been the same as usual: toughness. Workers' pay checks are smaller when they are sent home early when there is a slow-down and not paid for the hours lost. And there is the threat of workers being fired.

But many young workers say that the tougher the company becomes, the more they will stiffen their resistance, even though other jobs are scarce and many of them have families.

Nick Schecodonic Jr., a repair spot welder, points out that a lot of other older workers took some of this treatment, but with 25 years ahead of him in that plant, he isn't taking it.

Married with children, Mr. Schecodonic added, "I actually saw a woman in the plant running along the line to keep up with the work. I'm not going to run for anybody. There ain't anyone in that plant that is going to tell me to run."



YOUNG WORKER AT LORDSTOWN, OHIO, CHEVY ASSEMBLY PLANT--ONE OF THOUSANDS OF WORKERS FIGHTING THE SPEED-UP ON THE WORLD'S FASTEST PRODUCTION LINE.

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